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Keegan: Central figure

Cup teams threaten to 'strike'

Liverpool and Newcastle will refuse to play their FA Cup match on Friday, January 6 if television cameras are present. The BBC want to screen the third round tie live but both clubs want the Football Association to increase the Professional Footballers Association share of the television proceeds from the current offer of £40,000 Page 23

Pound closes at record low

The pound fell furher against the dollar, closing at a record low of \$1.4310, down 45 points, but it was firmer against othe Page 15

New-look QE2

The Queen Elizabeth 2 sailed last night from Bremerbaven to Southampton after her 15-day £3.5m refit at the Hapag-Lloyd

Solicitors' vote

MPs who are also solicitors will be allowed to vote on the controversial Bill to end the solicitors' monopoly on conveyancing the Speaker has ruled

Estate agents' role, page 3

CD clampdown

Measures to reduce the number of diplomatic service cars evading fixed penalties and wheel clamping through claiming immunity have been an-nounced Parliament, page 4

Glue-sniff case

Two brothers who sold gluesniffing kits to children were each jailed for three years after a court ruling that such sales were a crime in Scotland.

The go-between

Portugal has offered to act as a go-between for Argentina and Britain in negotiations about the future of the Falklands



BL goes private The Government is to begin privatizing BL next year, the Commons was told

Salyut trouble

The Salyut 7 space station suffered a fuel leak and its twoman crew had a narrow escape during their recent 149-day flight, Soviet officials admitted

Whitehall Brief, page 20

Letters: On Airbus, from Mr P E G Bates, NGA dispute, from Mr D M Nathan; archives; from Mr H Speak Leading articles: Kuwait, Gib-

raltar Features, pages 8, 10, 12 Could the Kamikaze bombers come to London? The question mark over Britain's Beirut contingent; Mushroom clouds and video nasties. Spectrum; Mosley and the Jews. Fashion:

the style of Jennifer Hall. Obiteary, page 14 General Sir Neil Ritchie

Computer Horizons announces its national computer competition for 1984, explains the significance of the computerisation of Hansard, and reports on plans to introduce 1,500 microcomputers ithe Foreign Office. Pages 18, 19



Court orders NGA to call off its nationwide strike

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Parallels were being drawn

Times Newspapers last night issued the following statement:

"Times Newspapers Ltd and

News Group Newspapers Ltd have tonight obtained a manda-

tory injunction requiring the NGA general secretary and

national council to withdraw

their instruction given to employees at TNL and NGNL

specifically require the defend-ants to give immediate notice that they have issued an instruction for the strike call to

"The terms of the court order

"The instruction the NGA is

required to give must be put in writing to the Press Associ-

ation by 10pm tonight (Mon-

day) and it must be confirmed

tense pressure throughout the

day to drop its total boycott of

was a flop with Saturday night viewers. London Weekend Television estimated that up to a third of its viewers may have switched off before the two-hour film.

One television command the deal, they had not discarded the rest of the claim.

The unions had sought a million workers, which will "substantial" increase on a 4

The Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) had raised its

offer from 4 per cent, but in

return won a commitment from

the Confederation of Shipbuild-

ing and Engineering Unions,

representing 17 unions, to consider far-reaching pro-

ductivity proposals.

Having dealt with pay, the two sides are to set up a working

party in the new year to discuss

he union's additional claims.

which involve a reduction in

the working week from 39 hours to 35 and an increase in

bolidays from five weeks to six.

In return the EEF has put

forward a document which it hopes will revolutionize the

industry and produce a dra-

The employers want to get rid

of restrictive manning practices and introduce flexibility between jobs and flexible hours.

The EEF also wants ballots

The wage deal, backdated to

November 1, means an increase of £4.50 a week in the national

minimum rate for skilled

workers, bringing them to £91,50, and a £3.24 rise for the

unskilled, giving them £65.84.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamted Union of Engineering Workers and leader

of the negotiators, said that the

taken before industrial action.

matic reduction in costs.

practises in the industry.

Unions accept 5% in

three pay deals

By Our Labour Staff

two million workers in engin- objections.
cering, retail shops and the After a five-hour bargaining

Merchant Navy have accepted session yesterday, Mr Duffy

pave the way for new working per cent offer, but the agree-

Unions representing about that there will be any major

to take industrial action.

be withdrawn,

with the two-year battle waged

National Graphical Association was ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to call off the countrywide newsinto the meeting declined to discuss the issue publicly but paper strike called for tomorrow about the NGA's chances of in protest at the £525,000 winning the level of contempt of court fine inc. before embarking on its disruption of the newspaper industry.

The print union also faces a mass of claims for damages if the strike goes ahead from newspaper managements all over Britain which could cost it

millions of pounds.

Mr Joe Wade, the NGA general secretary, was last night asking the TUC for full backing for the strike, in continuing defiance of the Government's labour laws.

If the strike takes place tomorrow the fines for con-tempt of yesterday's order and the awards for damages could bankrupt the union.

Solicitors and High Court officials arrived at Congress House with writs to serve on Mr Joe Wade, but they were refused access to the union meeting.

The NGA, which has already been fined a total of £675,000 for contempt of orders not to picket the Warrington. Cheshire, printing works of Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah's Messenger group newspapers, appeared to be losing some of its hard-line resolve in the 24-week-old closed shop dispute.

The print workers last night asked for an unequivocal declaration of support from the TUC's influential employment policy and organization committee, but if that backing is not forthcoming the NGA national council might today reconsider its confrontationist policy.

'Day after'

is a big

turn-off

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent

The Day After, the US-made film about nuclear war,

One television company

executive commented: "Per-haps people were really after entertainment for Saturday

night and found the subject too

dismal. The media hype prob-

ably worked against us. Final audience figures will not be published until next week, but if LWT's estimates

are reflected nationally, the

commercial network's normal peaktime andience might have

fallen from 12 million to about

Yorkshire Television, which said at the weekend that it had

commissioned a BARB ratings

report to be published yester-

day, later said that it expected

audience figures on Thursday. The BBC said yesterday that

it did not expect to have its

weekend audience figures until

Although The Day After received much publicity be-cause of the insistence on a

right of reply by Mr Michael

Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, some network executives had feared that it

was doomed to poor ratings.
Scheduling problems meant

that it could only be shown on a Saturday night in a slot usually

reserved for light entertain-

Showing it during the week either side of the News at Ten

was regarded as damaging and LWT was reluctant to drop the

South Bank Show to enable it

the eight million mark.

Leaders of other unions going the 1980 and 1982 Employments Acts which led to the union's refusal to abide by orders made in the High Court in Manchester not to engage in secondary picketing against Mr Shah's printing works. In the High Court Mr Justice

Otton granted orders sought by national and local newspaper groups restraining the NGA from "further inducing breaches of contracts" by its members in Fleet Street and the provinces.

In the House of Commons the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, made it clear that the Government would not intervene in the dispute. He spoke of "the serious consequences" that the threatened strike would have for the NGA itself, adding: "I hope that they will no longer seek to pursue this dispute in defience of the

Mr Robert Stuby, president of the Newspaper Society, which represents owners of more than 1,000 provincial titles, calculated that the provincial industry would lose up to £3m if the strike call was obeyed. He indicated that provincial publishers would seek damages for that amount.

subsequently in writing to the chapel and/or to the London region of the NGA." Members of the NPA are already claiming a total of £3m damages for disruption two weeks ago and the loss of another day's production could by the NGA to win recognition and a closed shop at T Bailey another day's production could Forman, publishers of the double their suit. Taken with Nottingham Evening Post, the huge fines already levied, which the union had to give up the court actions could banafter spending tens of thousands drupt the NGA of its total, sequestrated, funds of a little The NGA came under in-

Regional response, page 2 Parliament, page 4

Mr Duffy: Agreement no

climb-down.

ment did not constitute a climb-

down. Mr Duffy said: "The employers had originally come up with a nil offer."

A threat of industrial action by Britain's 23,000 seamen was

averted yesterday after mem-

hers of the National Union of

Seamen voted to accept a wage

The legal minimum wage for 650,000 workers in non-food

shops will go up by 5.9 per cent

from April under proposals agreed by both sides of the

Retail Non-Food Wages Coun-

The new adult minimum rate

Of his sister-in-law, Unity

The deal will increase average weekly earnings including over-time from £150.57 to £158.54.

increase of 5.1 per cent.



Brave face: Scottish nanny Carol Compton struggles to be cheerful as she appears in a barred Italian dock charged with arson and attempted murder.

starts in uproar

From Peter Nichols Livorno, Italy

The trial of Carol Compton, the 21-year-old Scottish name charged with arson and attempted murder, began yesterday with her struggling to make an Italian court understand her own account of the chain of circumstances which landed her in trouble.

There were chaotic scenes before she was able to begin her testimony. When she was led into a locked cage which serves as a dock in Italy, the 60 journalists present leapt on to tables and pushed past policemen to get near her.

Despite court orders forbid-ding photography, cameras whirred and clicked. The Court President stalked out and could be heard shouting at officials to restore order before he would Miss Compton has been in

has accused Italian authorities of keeping her daughter in isolation because they suspect her of witchcraft. Señor Sergio Minervini, defending counsel, persuaded the court to allow her to ait

custody since August 1982. Her mother, Mrs Pamela Compton,

outside the metal cage once proceedings began. The first moving view of her was nevertheless her appear-ance alone in the huge cage, a self-possessed figure smiling and assuring well wishers that she was feeling fine. She knelt down to kiss her

mother between the wooden

columns below the bars.

She is accused of having started five fires in three different houses with intention in one instance of killing a three-year-old girl in her charge. She denies having started any of the fires.

Describing the most serious incident in her heavy Scottish accent brought some of the worst language difficulties.

Talking of stray cats scratching on French windows she could not get across what sort of windows she was talking about nor what she meant by

"rogue" cats.
Her "cot" apparently sounded like "coat" which was then translated as a blanket. Similarly her assertion that the noise made her nervous was translated as "nervosa", which means bad-tempered. On several occasions she

The case continues today.

Nanny trial | Call for more places on youth team

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

asked to approve changes next present Young Workes Scheme, year to the Youth Training This would make available Scheme that would go some places for another 25,000 way towards reaching the youngesters. The young workers original target of providing scheme makes available to places for 460,000 unemployed employers funds to top up the youngsters.

But it is unlikely that extra funds will be made available.

A meeting of the Manpower Services Commission tomorrow is expected to approve proposals which place emphasis on providing more places for unemployed although the commission will still be able to guarantee places only to 16-year-olds.

· The proposals for the scheme's second year starting in September are contained in an internal paper to be presented today to a meeting of the Youth Training Board. The board £1,000m, but that is expected to advises the MSC youth training and is likely to accept plans for extending the scheme to more

The scheme will, according to the paper, provide places this reluctant to join schemes year for about 350,000 young-operated by local authorities sters. Better marketing of the scheme to young people and their parents would increase

take-up. There were, it says, particular difficulties this year, and a youngsters to join schemes growth in take-up next year of places might be expected. However, discussions with officials at local level suggested that, without changes in the rules, the number of youngsters

on the scheme would not exceed 400,000.

A better balance is suggested,

Greece to

safeguard

Britons' land

From Mario Modiano

Athens

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considering the possibility of

either limiting the ban to a

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posing qualifications for foreign

over national security.

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stated

The Government is to be with a shift away from the employers funds to top up the pay of youngsters earnings less than £40 a week.

The paper says that there was uncertainty attached to estimating the number of youngsters likely to join the scheme next year and that meant the MSC would be able to guarantee places only to 16-year-old

The paper does not refer to future government funding of the scheme, but it is likely that ministers will be reluctant to authorize any significant in-

be reduced to about £800m because of the shortfall in the take-up of places.

Young people have been colleges of further education.

The paper predicts that this trend will continue: there will be a constant demand by operated by private sector

The MSC is at the moment coming under presure from local authorities and further education establishments to provide refunds to cover the cost of unfilled places for which the authorities have budgeted.

Kuwait bombs blamed on Iran

American throughout the Middle East were last night warmed that they could be the target of suicide bombers after Shia Muslim extremists-believed to be acting on orders from Iran-staged a concerted bomb-ing attack on six buildings in Kuwait.

The US and French embassies, on American residential quarter of Kuwait, a power station and the control tower of the international airport were all targets of the attack, which was unprecedented in the Gulf. It was clearly intended to strike a blow at the stability of

the oil kingdoms and last night Kuwait promised the "maxi-mum punishments" for those One of the bombers, who was blown across the road in front of the American Embassy after driving a lorry loaded with explosives through the main

gate of the compound, survived the blast and was undergoing surgery last night while Kuwaiti security authorities waited to discover his identity. About 60.000 Iranians live in

Kuwait under close scretiny by the state police. The Americans last night believed that the Iranian Government was prob-ably behind the assault. Both the United States and

France had apparently received warning that some attack was to be made upon their embassles but assumed it would occur to Beirut where embassy security has been substantially increased over the past two

Given the amount of explosives used, it was remarkable that only four people were killed and 54 wounded, although the bombs, which ail detonated in the space of about an hour, were obviously meant to cause far greater casualties.

Two of the dead were Kuwaiti security guards ex-ployed by the American Em-bassy; a third was a technician who worked at the airport.

The bombing at the Ameri-can Empassy followed an almost identical pattern to those in Beirut last October which killed almost 300 US Marines and French paratroops. And like those attacks, yesterday's explosions in Kuwait were almost immedicaller who rang Agence France Presse in Beirut to say that he represented the Islami Jihad (Islamic Struggle) movement which announced that it had bombed the Americans and French two months ago.

The Kuwait attacks were both an indication of growing anti-American sentiment in the Middle East and of the valuerability of the militarily weak Gulf states who fear that Iran's revolution might at last be about to spread southwards to embrace the largely Sunni Continued on back page, col 3

to be networked on Sunday. Faslane arrests, page 2 unions involved. It is unlikely London and \$74 in London. Hitler won't choose me, Mosley said

pay deal would be recommend-ed to the executives of the 17 would be £71.50 a week outside

By Peter Hennessy and David Walker

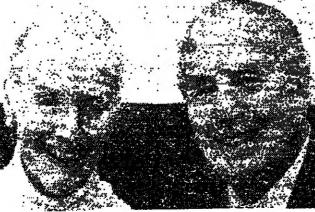
Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists. did not expect to be the British Quisling in charge of a puppet regime. This was revealed yesterday

in Home Office documents compiled in the summer of 1940 and declassified by order of Mr Leo Brittan, the Home Secretary.

Mosley expected the Nazis to rule initially through a military govenor until. "to keep you down, like a victim continually injected with some poisonous drug, they set up a collection of old gentlemen"

Sir Oswald's views are contained in transcripts of his interrogation by a committee chaired by Mr Norman (later Lord) Birkett, KC. which advised the Home Secretary to intern bim under Regulation 18B of the Defence of the Real

the British Empire and vehiclemently denied that he was traiter material. "It is an extraordinary idea that I should but the caned that I should but the caned that the caned that the body politic". The caned that the body politic years. For that reason he had kept his marriage to his second this former colleague in the wife, Diana, secret for some extraordinary idea that I should but the body politic.



Sir Oswald with Lady Diana: She was one of the three women Hitler admired most.

be willing to act as an agent of a time broadcasting from Germforeign power . . . am I in my any as "Lord Haw Haw". Joyce, whole life that sort of man?" Sir Oswald said, was "an The files ring with Sir offensive little beast". Oswald's denunciation of Jews, whom he wished to deport Mitford, Mosley said her humanely" to rid Britain of attraction for Hitler had been a

what he called that "eternal cause of "family friction" for

whelmed by Diana. Mosley told the Birkett committee that, with Frau Goebbels and Frau Wagner, she was one of the three women for whom he had the highest regard in the whole The newly revealed files also show that Special Branch

unearthed a secret account at the Charing Cross branch of the Westminster Bank used for laundering foreign funds which financed the BUF in the 1930s. Mosley denied detailed knowledge of the account and said he thought the funds came from well-known capitalists

"terrified of being found out...and they paid their subscriptions in foreign Six Mosley files were withheld by the Home Office from vesterday's batch, on the ground of continuing sensitivity - one dealing with his internment during 1940-43: another for 1943-45; two letters from MI5 to Birckett; and one file dealing

with the detention of Lady Spectrum, page 10







General Motors to build engine plant if Vauxhall maintains its recovery By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent General Motors will build its But, he insisted, it had been cent market share. That would be one year ahead of its original target of 16 per cent by the end of 1985.

more than in 1982.

next new engine plant in Britain if its subsidiary, Vauxhall, continues its remarkable recov-

It could mean several thouwould be manned by workers moved from other jobs, but new sand new jobs within three years and a substantial reduction in the company's imports of completed cars and

components.
All Vauxhall engines are imported from GM factories in West Germany and Australia at

Mr John Fleming, chairman and managing director of Vauxhall, said yesterday that as a more short-term move to increase British production the company's plant at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire would introduce a second shift in April, four months ahead of target. A second shift was introduced at Luton, Bedfordshire, in August. Mr Fleming said that by the end of 1984 65 per cent of all Vauxhalls sold in Britain would be British built concerned with

be British built, compared with

50 per cent at present.

He admitted that the change in tactics since 1979, when Vauxhall made all the cars sold in Britain in this country, to one where it was a substantial net where it was a substantial net importer, had not helped the country's balance of payments. He predicted that next year would be even better, with sales of nearly 300,000 and a 16 per

Fuel consumption up

workers would be recruited to add to the 750 already taken on per cent better than in 1978, at Luton when a new model was which means a 10,000-mile-ayear motorist is saving enough to pay his annual £35 road tax, according to latest figures (the The new car is believed to be Press Association reports).

a replacement for the successful Opel Kadett which is sold here The Society of Motor Mannfacturers and Traders has presented the details to the Vauxhall has had a record year. It will sell more than 261,000 cars, about 14 per cent Government to show that car makers have exceeded their target of a 10 per cent fuel December looks like being a record for the month, with nearly 10,500 registrations or more than 16 per cent of the consumption saving two years ahead of time.

ahead of time.

"The actual improvement could have been 17.5 per cent, but new EEC exhaust emission controls imposed in 1982 cost about 2.5 per cent in fuel consumption for all cars," Mr Sam Toy, chairman of the Society's energy committee and their part and managing disappears and managing disappears. Mr Fleming said that Vaux-hall had achieved monthly record volumes in 10 of the 12 months and a record market share in six of them. It had three models in the top 10 -Cavalier, Astra and Nova - and was planning to increase its dealer network from 660 to 730.

chairman and managing director of Ford of Britain, said.

A further strengthening of emission regulations planned for 1985 will cost up to another 2½ per cent in increased fuel

The Warrington dispute

Regional papers will try to beat strike

deputy managing director of Thomson British Holdings

parent company of Thomson

Regional Newspapers, said: "If the strike goes ahead, as far as we are concerned we will pursue

the NGA for damages that will

"We would not be able to bring out our morning papers

like the Western Mail, Cardiff,

or The Journal, Newcastle, or a

number of evening papers around the country. So virtually all our papers will be affected."

Newspapers, which publishes

14 local newspapers, said the

Mr Steve Oram, head of

industrial relations at Westmin-

ster Press, which has many local

Mr Keith said the expulsions

were "contrary to the rules of

200,000 copies.

NGA 'broke own rules'

The National Graphical involving members of the Association was said yesterday National Society of Operative

decision to expelt them was in the production of papers after

ter Press subsidiary. John H. natural justice". The hearing, Burrows and Sons of Basildon, expected to last several days,

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THE PERFECT PRESENT

A number of individual options are open to us. I am newspapers and groups of hopeful—there is no reason why weekly and daily publications said yesterday that they would try to beat the National Graphical Association's 24-hour strike in the case of the control of the c hour strike. In the case of weekly newspapers this is likely to mean a delay in delivery of local editions to newsagents.

In Scotland, it was hoped that 120 regional and weekly newspapers would publish with the cooperation of members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, although later than

But the situation was less certain so far as the Scottish Daily Newspaper Society, which represented 13 morning, evening and Sunday news-

Sir Richard Storey, chairman of Portsmouth and Sunderland papers, was concerned. It issued a statement deploring any interference with normal publication and, like its counterpart covering England, Wales and Northern Ireland, group hoped to keep production going. The papers have a combined curculation of called on the TUC to ask the

NGA to think again. In England, an attempt will be made to publish the Wolverhampton Express and Star, the produced during the national dispute in April, 1980.

Mr Mark Kersen, its manag
"full consideration", as would

Mr Mark Kersen, its manag-"full consideration", as would ing director, said: "We are the question of claiming dam es obviously looking at whatever from the NGA.

that the four were on the

Unions to fight Jenkin legal move

The Government yesterday told union leaders that it would seek powers next year to prevent their members from withholding information needed in the process of abolishing the Greater London Council

The prospect of a new legal struggle between the Govern-ment and the unions arose at a meeting between Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and members of the TUC's local government committee, who told him that they are opposed to him bringing in statutory machinery to oblige employees to disclose information.

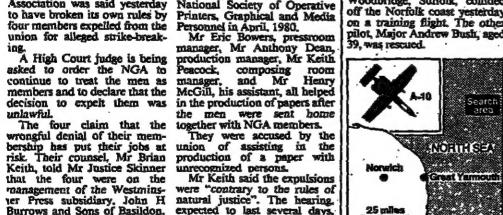
Union to study weedkiller risk

The Transport and General Workers' Union, farmworkers section, is to undertake a study of the herbicide 2.4,5-T and the possible risks it poses to people and animals

The union has been campaigning for several years for a ban on 2,4,5-T. The weedkiller contains the highly toxic chemi-

Jets collide

Woodbridge, Suffolk, collided off the Norfolk coast yesterday on a training flight. The other pilot, Major Andrew Bush, aged 39, was rescued.

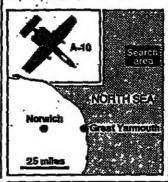


By Hiigh Clayton Local Government Correspondent

and the metropolitan counties.

cal dioxin.

An American pilot was missing last night after two A-10 "tankbuster" jets based at RAF



The Labour Party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday that he would be prepared to meet Mr Gerry Adams, presi-dent of Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA, but only if he was actively

But Mr Tim Yeo, director of the Spastics Society and chair-man of the trust, said the trust would have been prepared to have the staff seconded. "We did not have any say over the method that was chosen," he Under plans announced by the trust yesterday the 129 staff, 55 full-time, are to be reem-ployed, with the hand-over of the hospital set for March 31

The delay follows a dispute between the trust and Great Ormand Street over how much land the trust should be given.

By March next year, the DHSS will have to find more than £1m to keep open Tad-worth and to meet redundancy payments at a time when health ing staff while seconding them authorities have had to cut to Tadworth. "We are not in the millions form their budgets.

Sale room

£44,000 painting from cellar

A canvass that had been Sir Jeffrey Amherst in the year of hunting pictures by Thomas languishing in a coal cellar near 1759.

Exerc sold-at-Phillips yester- Phillips finally attributed the 1750s to have tried his hand at day for £44 000.

painting to Captain Thomas Davies who had exhibited a

picture with this title at the

Phillips had applied to

several North American mu-seums for help in identifying the

Ticonderoga Museum in New

York State which provided the charts that clinched the matter

and yesterday the museum

bought the picture for its

Labour defers decision on job cuts

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

expenditure, in an attempt to

Members of Labour's national executive have been

concerned about the deterio-ration in relations between staff

and management at head-quarters since the presentation

collection.

mined the picture to be "A Representation of the Encampment at Lake George" in North America under the command of curiosity of the sale was a group

Royal Academy in 1774.

Gerry Adams As Mr Kinnock arrived the

Mr Kinnock's readiness to neet Mr Adams, MP for West Belfast, and other leading members of Provisonal Sinn Fein, was revealed during his first visit to Northern Ireland

since be became party leader.

Although he paid a brief courtesy call on on Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Kinnock did not meet leaders of any politial parties during a brief visit in which he saw leading trade unionists, youth work-shops, and toured Shorts, the state-owned aircraft factory. He is expected to meet political leaders on his next

painting the intense demand for

sporting pictures although he

was by trade a bookseller and

Ackerman spent £35,200 (same

Christie's sale of silver and

jewelry totalied £514,209 with 14 per cent unsold. Wortski

paid the top price at £56,160 (estimate £20,000 to £40,000) for a James II circular monteith

dated 1687 and decorated with

The unions complained they were not consulted about the

proposals, and accused the

management of inefficiency. Mr James Mortimer, the party secretary, has said that he

favours the option of cutting 20 jobs, to be achieved by making

13 people redundant and not

filling seven vacancies.

stationer in Pall Mall.

msurge in violence continued with the killing of two young men within minutes of each other in Belfast. A new Anglo-Irish body with representatives from both parliaments should be set up as a step towards solving Northern

Under-use

may shut

MSC

centres

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

The Manpower Services
Commission will be forced to
close many of its Skill Centres
in areas of high unemployment

next year because of govern-ment policy, the civil service ; union said yesterday.

According to commission

figures, the centres, used mainly for adult training, will be operating at 19 per cent below capacity nationally with only 12,012 of the 14,801 available

But in the Midlands they will ...

be 32 per cent underused, and in northern England and Wales, 25 per cent will be vacant. That will inevitably lead to closures,

the union claims.

Predictions of low level use

partly result from the Govern-

ment's wanting training centres to be operated on commercial lines. Only those courses pro-viding skills in demand from local employers being con-

A private planning document

A private planning document drawm up by the commission's training department for consideration by the MSC tomorrow, says: "The emphasis should be on meeting the needs of employers rather than the needs of individuals. Greater emphasis should be given to cauting back on occupational

cutting back on occupational training where placing results are poor.

are poor.".

are poor.

The paper, putting forward plans for 1984-85, casts doubted on the viability of the present in twerk of centres.

The pmon, which published the document yesterday, says that means that areas of high, unemployment will be worst.

unemployment will be worst affected because of the low level

The union which represents

instructors at the skill centres, says that 344 such jobs are at risk. It says that most courses will be lost in mechanical

engineering, automotive and construction skills.

46 arrested

in Polaris

base protest

Forty-six peace protesters have arrested yesternlay during have clashes outside the Polaris nuclear submarine base at his Fasiane in the Clyde.

About 60 protesters began an attempt to blockade the base

yesterday morning. Eight people got inot the base but they were

A force of more than one hundred police officers kept the

claimed last night that they

were beaten with metal sticks by

soldiers guarding the Greenham Common missile base in Berkshire during the big weekend

Fifteen women out of the T 25,000 demonstrators are said to have been injured. The police reported 29 officers hurt.

• Mr Denis Healey, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs,

said on a party political broadcast last night that de-

cisions about nuclear war would

soom be handed over to

computers and that cruise missiles had no military value

because the bases at Greenham

Common and Molesworth

Cambridgeshire, could be obliterated with just two

immediately arrested.

north entrance open.

demonstration.

expense of individuals"

The union says that in the

present planning exercise, the balance has swung wildly towards industrial needs at the

of demand for skills.

a step towards solving Northern; Ireland's problems according to Mr. Niels Haagerup, a Danish Liberal European MP, who presented a special report last night to the European Parliament's political affairs committee (Ian Murray writes from Mr Haagerup emphasized that the views were his own. But he said that the reunification of

Ireland was the correct solution and the desire of many people in Ireland and of a considerable number in the United King-

Mrs Thatcher opposed the report being drawn up.

Owen deal to retire dud envoys

By a Staff Reporter

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, will disclose in a radio interview tonight that as Foreign Sec-retary he concluded a secret deal with the Foreign Office aimed at killing the contro-versial Think Tank report on the Diplomatic Service.

Partridge Fine Art paid £36,300 (estimate £25,000 to £30,000) for "The Meet" while king on the BBC Three programme, Routine Punctuated by Orgies, a study of the Central Policy Review Staff (CPRS), the Cabinet's Think Tank which was closed by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher last summer, Dr Owen says the CPRS's Review of Overseas Representation, published in 1977, was "hopeless".

It hindered the one reform on

which he had set his heart the "golden bowlering" of dud ambassadors designed to ease them into early retirement and make way for gifted young men and women.

The Labour Party yesterday postponed until after Christmas tive proposals put forward by crucial decisions about relieving its grave financial crisis which has been expected to mean the revenue and cutting wasteful.

The unions complained they In the broadcast he describes his deal with the Foreign Office saying to its senior officials: "OK, I will ditch the report if you support me on this up-and-

out business". Mr James Callaghan set up a which Dr Owen was a member, to consider the CPRS's recommendations which included Whitehall brief, page 20

"Even if these cruise convoys were able to trundle away first to their firing sites", he added "it would still take only 40 missiles to knock them out and the whole of southern England would be a radioactive desert." • The National Union of Students at its conference in Blackpool yesterday abandoned its established neutral policy on peace and disarmament by blaming Western leaders for deliberately increasing inter-national tension and by voting for British withdrawal from

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Population trends: 2

loss of at least 20 jobs at its

London headquarters.

For the second time in a

fortnight the finance and gen-

eral purposes committee post-poned a decision on the options for balancing the party's annual

expenditure and income account and cutting its £45,000

Long haul to cut spending

pioymeni, in the second of our series on the demographic pressure on public spending, DAVID WALKER, Social Policy Correspondent, looks at population movements in the immediate future and how they will chare the Consequences. will shape the Government's ambition to cut spending. stretch of years in which to reach a twenty-first birthday. Regardless of national economic policy, the 1980s would have been a time when all jobs were scarce compared with

Next year, 1984, will see the number of those aged 21 reaching a peak. The last pinnacle for this age cohort was

previous years; for those of

school-leaving age and young

being created. Now jobs are being lost at a period when the labour force is growing in numbers at a high rate, thanks mainly to the baby boom of the late 1950s to the mid-1960s. Additional school-leavers are now adding more than 130,000 extra to the labour force, and increased numbers of married women are pashing up the total.

Ministers may have thought about trying to encourage

Whatever the complexion of government, the 1980s would diminish the pressure for jobs, sharp rise in household formabut demographic evidence tion taking place now with the ployment. In the second of our shows no sign that women, on possibility of a marked shortage shows no sign that women, on possibility of a marked shortage whom family spending power of housing by the mid-1980s, if has come vitally to depend, will abandon the search for jobs and

jobs are created, and quickly. today's high unemployment rates are likely to increase Mrs Thatcher's favoured

policy may also be knocked awry by demographic pressure in the area of housing. The science of household formation is very imprecise: policy-makers simply do not know why people set up house on their own and 1969 - glory years for youth when higher education was expanding, youth was fashionable and. Wilsonian stop-go changes in the age structure of the population give some clues, so get into the market for

> Demand for new jobs The number of additional achool-l Number per year

1987 to 1988 1985 to 1997 1997 to 1996 "Source: The Political Economy of Demographic Change", by John Erminch Policy Studies Budfreet

of housing by the mid-1980s, if house-building does not boom.

Mr John Ermisch, in a newly abandon the search for jobs and the money they bring.

Only in the 1990s will the increase in the number of people of an age to work tail off, when the "baby bust" of the 1970s will shape population size. Meanwhile, unless an unprecedented number of new table are covaried and countries.

Mr John Ermisch, in a newly published study for the Political Economy of Demographic Change, estimates that about 78,000 extra households will have been created each year between 1981 and 1984; an unprecedented number of new countries with the published study for the Political Economy of Demographic with about 1970s will shape population the published study for the Political Economy of Demographic with about 1970s will shape population the published study for the Political Economy of Demographic Economy of Demographic Economy of Demographic Economy of Demographic Political Economy of Demographic Political Economy of Demographic Political Economy of Demographic Economy of Demographic Political 87. Taken together with trends in divorce, in single parenthood, in single person households, a shortage of fit dwellings could be apparent in the later

> The news is not all bad for Mrs Thatcher. In theory, largescale savings should be made education from the rapid fall in the secondary school popu-lation, which will be followed shortly by a drop in the number of 18-year-olds and so less demand for college and univer-

In health, too, the pressure of previous years is off. Demand will remain high and there will be pressures to spend, especially on the elderly, but growth justified by population move-ments - should be less for the rest of the 1980s. Mr Ermisch predicts that during the 1990s demographic changes will allow a slight fall in the provision of in-patient hospital services even if standards are kept constant. Tomorrow: Pensions time-bomb.

Smyslov draws steadily closer to victory

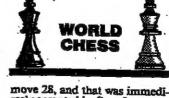
By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

The ninth game between Vassily Smyslev and Zoltan Ribli in the Acorn Computers World Chess Championship semi-final in London ended in a draw on Sunday after 28 moves, making the score in the match Smyslov 5½, Ribli 3½.

Smyslov started quietly with a restrained type of Queen's Gambit and Ribli replied actively with the Tarrasch

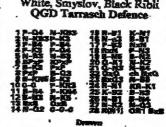
Defence.

With Smyslov playing carefully and correctly, Ribli could do little to disturb his opponent's uquanimity. He ponent's uquanimity. He brought about some difference in the nature of the position in that he castled Queenside, opposite sides to his opponent. But Smyslov exchanged. Queens on move 22, after which it was clear that a draw would soon be the outcome. It was Ribli who proposed the draw, after a further exchange, on



nely accepted by Smyslov. The former world champion needs one point to win the match, and, with three games to go, looks certain to achieve this, and thereby become the oldest player, at 62, to reach the finals.

Ninth game White, Smyslov, Black Ribli QGD Tarrasch Defence



Computer export charge

can; aged 40 of St Mary's Close,
Bransgore, Hampshire, and of £6,000 each and ordered to
Bryan Vernon Williamson, aged surrender their passports.

The directors of Datalec Ltd. 51, of Chapel Rise, Avon of Wimbourne, Dorset, were Castle, Hampshire, a charge remanded on bail until January that on December 11, in 24 by Poole magistrates yester-day on a change arising from puter spares and computer add-the seizure at Poole docks of ons, they were knowingly computer equipment, valued at concerned in the attempted £500,000, bound for Czechosloakia. exportation imposed by the Christopher Albert Carrin- Export of Goods Act, 1981.

Tadworth staff to get | Kinnock offer to £110,000 and jobs Nurses, cleaners and other staffing agency business," depu-staff at Tadworth Court Hospi-ty house governor at Great tal for Sick Children in Surrey Ormond Street, Mr Grahame are to receive £110,000 in Humphrey, said.

Humphrey, said. But Mr Tim Yeo, director of

redundancy pay from the Department of Health even though the trust which is to take

over the hospital with the help of a DHSS grant is to reemploy all 129 of them immediately.

The decision to make the staff redundant, rather than to second them to the trust from

the NHS, was confirmed yester-

A spokesman for the depart-

ment said yesterday that it did

explore the possibility of sec-onding staff. "But neither the trust nor the board were

prepared to accept second-

tal which now runs Tadworth, confirmed yesterday that it had

not wanted to continue employ-

Exeter sold-at-Phillips yester-day, for £44,000.

The owners had believed it was a biblical secture because they thought they detected the Red Sea dividing but once it was cleaned off, the picture was seen to depict the mountains flanking a lake.

A Red Indian in the fore-

ground gave Phillips, which had been consulted about the

picture, the idea that it had a

money-spinner on its hands. It began by attempting identify the lake and eventually deter-

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Unearthed skull which led to confession was Roman, murder trial jury told

later found to date from 410 sity.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for the prosecution, told Chester Crown Court that no trace had been found of Malika Maria De Fernandez, who disappeared on or about October 27, 1960.

Her husband, a former Mr Reyn-Bardt, a homosex-BOAC airline official, Peter ual, had met his wife on March Reyn-Bardt, aged 57, from 25, 1959, while she was working Knightsbridge, west London, as a waitress in the Zanzibar pleaded not guilty vesterday to murder between October 27, Thomas said. 1960, and June 30, 1961.

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The tests were not com-pleted until October 12. But the conclusions were that the subject of the skull died in the year 410 AD, just before the Roman legions departed

She was slim, with long black



Peter Reyn-Bardt and Malika on their wedding day.

The skull's discovery in hair worn in a Spanish style. ing his wife and cutting her up wilmslow, near Stockport, led She looked Spanish, but spoke with an axe more than 20 years directly to the arrest and English without an accent, ago after the discovery of a confession. Mr Thomas said, It "Who precisely she was, her human skull in May a jury was was tested by the department of nationality, her background has told yesterday. But the skull was archaeology at Oxford Univer- never been properly estab-

> Mr Thomas said that within two hours they were engaged and married on March 28 "in a burst of publicity" in the press and on television. Her age was

"He was in some trouble with his employers over overs homosexuality and the marriage gave him respectability. She apparently loved to travel and could get free air travel through his position as station officer.

They moved into a house in Greater Manchester, but it was always a marriage of con-venience, Mr Thomas said. However, Mr Reyn-Bardt's association with a young man, Philip Clark, caused friction. It came to a head in November, when she moved

In January, 1983, Mr Reyn-Bardt was asked by two policemen whether he had killed his wife, Mr Thomas said. He replied: "Good gracious,

But, on May 13 an excavator driver found a human skull, thought to be that of a female aged between 30 and 50, about 300 yards from the cottage. Detectives arrested Mr Reyn-

He is alleged to have said that he murdered her that day because she threatened to expose his homosexuality unless he paid her more money. The trial continues today.

Antifreeze Estate agents might take on conveyancing By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

should also have a sound basic

property transactions but "this

must never be at the expense of

A Conservatives pressure

group, the National Association

yesterday gave its support to Mr

The Government's stance

"If (which we very much

'Koo' Stark

story upheld

a complaint that The Sun invaded the Royal Family's privacy by publishing infor-mation about Prince Andrew

and Miss Kathleen (Koo) Stark

supplied by a former royal

The material should not have

been published, the council

said, because it related to

matters which were essentially

private. Despite great interest in

the Royal Family's activities

there was an area of life and

conduct which they and their

Only the first day's material in what was intended to be a

series was published because

The Sun became subject to legal

proceedings brought on behalf of The Queen, and publication

was halted. The action was

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The Press Council has upheld

oecause the competition

professional competence".

Mr Brian Grainger, president

Estate agents are likely to "The society remain firmly of provide competition for solici-tors in conveyancing if Mr should all conveyancers under-

Austin Mitchell's House Buyers go a course of training, but they Bill becomes law, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and knowledge of property law." Auctioneers said yesterday. Commenting on the Bill, of the society, said that it was

which has its second reading on constantly trying to find ways of Friday, the society says that it is reducing costs and speeding unaware of any significant demand from house agents to undertake conveyancing, but "if the Bill is enactebanks and building societies will be empowered to offer this service of Conservative Graduates and in order to compete, many agents will feel compelled to Mitchell's Bill.

Concerned about the risks has been equivocal and uninvolved for the house buyers-if convincing. the solicitor's monopoly is ended, the society believes that doubt) the Law Society's arguin spite of safeguards built into ments against this narrowing of the Bill, including limiting non-their monopoly are right, then solicitors to do the conveyancing on property with registered because the competition will title only, the risk of mistake is eventualy wither away". the merely reduced, not eradicated. association said.

Arrested lawyer Complaint over claims damages from the police

A solicitor was accused of heft, arrested in a busy court building and kept in a police cell, a jury at the High Court in Manchester was told yesterday.

But David Middleweek, aged 44, was never prosecuted. His counsel Mr John Hugill QC told the court that the conduct of the police had been "quite outrageous and without justification".

Mr Middleweek, a partner in a Manchester firm, was de-tained for more than two hours in Liverpool's main police station. Then, in the hearing of others he was told he was being guests could regard as private. bailed on suspicion of stealing a

Mr Middleweek is claiming damages, alleging wrongful arrest, unlawful search, false imprisonment and defamation from the Chief Constable of Merseyside and Inspector Wil- settled within days, one of the

am Coady.

The hearing continues today.

terms being that no further articles would be published.

test failed by garages By Robin Young

How can metorists be certain there is enough antifreeze in their cars to withstand winter's low temperatures? The answer, according to West Midlands County Council's consumer services department, is that they cannot, unless they drain the system and refill with the

appropriate mixture.

The department filled a test vehicle's cooling system with rather more antifreeze than the manufacturers recommended, then took it to 20 garages selected at random, asking them to check whether any antifreeze was needed. Only four garages agreed there was sufficient antifreeze in the car. Five claimed there was no antifreeze in the system at all, and three of the garages which encouraged the researchers to spend money unnecessarily on buying antifreeze also charged

50p for carrying out the test. The method of test varied. Most used some form of tester, but others did it by licking a finger dipped in the system and judging by taste. That method is not recommended for do-ityourself tests as the methanol in some antifreezes can be

Third firm cuts holiday prices

Britain's third largest holiday company. Horizon, yesterday joined its two main rivals by reprinting its 1984 summer brichure with an average of 10 per cent price cuts.

The latest move inthe price war follows the market leader, Thomson Holidays, relaunching its brochure with 10 per cent cuts on average, and Intersun, the second largest company, reducing prices by an average of

Body on shore

The body of Jason Collins, aged 12, of Wiltshire Road, Skelton, Cleveland, was found washed ashore yesterday at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, near where the fishing boat Venus had overturned the night before. He had gone fishing with his uncle and another man who both scrambled to safety.

Villa discovery

Archaeologists have dis-Roman house, built about 300 AD, in Spring Hill, Lincoln. It had an ornate mosaic floor and a hypocaust. Flats are to be built on the site.

The judge said his order would only add a short additional delay before the authority met to reconsider the question of closure. The first decision had been supported by only a small majority and the judge said they were entitled to come to

the same decision again but he recognized that there could be a different decision. of the doctors' committee that

runs the hospital said: "We are delighted". Law Report, page 21

Lorry used to transfer hospital patient

From Our Correspondent Peterborough

The management of the ing, windows, medical aid Fitzwilliam private hospital equipment, and means of which opened at Peterborough, securing the bed. The driver Cambridgeshire, this year at a also told us that his previous cost of £4m has admitted load had been Tarmac. If this moving a badly injured patient had been a National Health in the back of a rented lorry. Service patient there
The hospital's branch of the have been a public outcry.

National Union of Public The lorry took the patient Employees published a photo- two miles from the Peterbograph of the incident on the rough district hospital to the 44front page of its December bed Fitzwilliam hospital, where newsletter yesterday with the he was moved into a private headline: Yes, for just £107 a room where the fees are more day, you too could be carted than £100 a day. about in the back of a lorry." The patient was a man who had Malcolm Fellowes-Freeman, broken his pelvis and was in said yesterday that the removal

branch secretary, said: "The practical terms, that was the lorry was totally lacking in the best way to transfer the patient basic requirements such as because the ambulance auth-adequate interior lighting, heat- ority did not have the facilities

Service patient there would

The hospital's manager, Mr

traction in a bed complete with was an isolated incident and not the normal method of Mr Mike Radford, union moving patients. He added: "In



London yesterday. The group, which is on a European tour, will give performances this week, including a presentation of Ram Lila, a famous Indian morality tale of gods, kings, princesses and undying love. (Photograph: John Voos).

Call to ban private shoplifting writs

sought on January 16 by Mr Greville Janner QC, Labour MP for Leicester West.

The Bill would also require the police to follow the Essex force's system of cautions in appropriate cases, including those involving the elderly and

Mr Janner says in a letter to Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary at the Home Office. that Leicestershire Police have followed the example of Essex. Leicestershire Police were the prosecuting authority in the

case of Lady Barnett, of Cossington, Leicestershire, a riend of Mr Janner, who killed herself in 1980 four days after Crown Court for stealing a carton of cream and a tin of tuna fish, valued at 75p, from a where. village store.
"The dock was no place for

poor Lady-Isobel Barnett", Mr Janner said in a letter to The Times on December 2. Mr Janner's move to intro-

decision by F W Woolworth to year.

Doctors win

closure

reprieve

A group of family doctors have won a High Court order forcing a health authority to

reconsider colsing their hospi-

Mr Justice Woolf ruled

yesterday that Hillingdon Health Authority had, acted

unlawfully when it made de-

cided to close the 53-year-old

Northwood, Pinner and District

In September the authority had decided to close the

hospital temporarily because of

overspending in the district which would have reached £1m

unless drastic measures were

taken. A temporary shutdown leading to permanent closure would save £358,000 in a full

However, Hillingdon had not taken account of the doctors

three-month contracts and

although the authority had now

ruary, their September decision

was quashed.

The hospital which has 36

beds, has remained open pending

the outcome of the court action.

termination notices ending the contracts in Feb-

Leave to introduce a private prosecute a widow aged 77, for members' Bill to ban private shoplifting Mr Recorder Gol-shoplifting prosecutions is being detein described the action as "an affront to British justice".

After the judge's comments, Mr Richard Newcombe for Woolworth decided not to proceed with the case and a formal verdict of not guilty was recorded. Woolworth protested to the Lord Chancellor about the judge's comments.

But Mr Mellor has replied to Mr Janner that there can be no justification for restricting, in general, access to the courts by private prosecutors as proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

Referring to ahernatives to prosecution, used by Essex Police, Mr Mellor says that a working group of chief conher conviction at Leicester stables and officials is aware of the forces practice and of cautioning schemes used else-

Show success

More than 68,430 people visited the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court, London, duce the Bill also follows the last week, 2,660 more than last

Film fans must pay more for 007 Thorn EMI's marketing

Cinema goers will have to pay extra to see two hit films director, Mr Philip Nugus, said: his Christmas.

one hundred ABC cinemas for the new James Bond film, Never Say Never Again, starring Scan Connery, and the thriller Jaws 3D. Adults will pay an extra 50p nd children an extra 25p.

Thorn EMI, which owns the cinema chain, says that increasing prices for "blockbusters" is one way to bring more money into the troubled film industry.

Never Say Never Again has proved the most successful Bond film ever in the United States. The two new films together have grossed more than £100m already.

Pub video licence ruling

A ruling by councillors in Dudley, West Midlands, could lead to thousands of public houses all over the country having to be licensed as cinemas at a fee of more than

The Dudley environmental health committee has decided that the Windmill in the village of Lye, which has one of the

Putting up prices for individ-Prices are to be increased at nal films is a gamble. But audience research has shown that many people are prepared to pay more for the big-budget, high quality film.

"That means we can spend more on publicity and so attract more money back into the industry to be used on improving cinema standards.

"We are experimenting with this system instead of putting up all seat prices in the new

"People who can afford to go to the cinema will do so anyway. For them 50p is not a

licensed under the Cenematog-raph (Amendments) Act, which came into force a year ago. Other councils are believed to

be facing similar decisions. If the ruling stands it could mean public houses and wine bars with video jukeboxes having to apply annually for cinema licences and submit to inspection by the fire brigade and new video jukeboxes, must be environmental health officials. I in September.

South-east spends more for Christmas

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Shoppers in the South-east, particularly in London, are already promising the retail trade there a better Christmas than last year. But reports are . bleaker from other regions.

Table wine sales, already on an upward trend as spirits and beer sales have decreased, have again increased and an annual record sale of wines, including ports and sherries, should reach about 750 million bottles by the end of the year, according to the Wine and Spirit Association.

Toy sales for the year are expected to be up by at least 6 per cent to more than £700m worth, according to the National Association of Toy Retailers. An early start to Christmas selling saw sales at Hamleys in Regent Street up by 66 per cent in the first half of November and sales are still running strongly.

But in Sheffield, Redgates,

one of the biggest toy retailers in the North of England, has so far been only matching sales volumes of last year, which proved a relatively disappointng Christmas,

While Christmas shopping in the South of England started early there is a noticeable tendency to later shopping in the North

Cole Brothers, a Sheffield department store which is part of the John Lewis Partnership, saw sales decline by 4,5 per cent in the week ended November 26, compared with the same week a year ago. But in the following week to December 3 sales were up by 4.5 per cent.

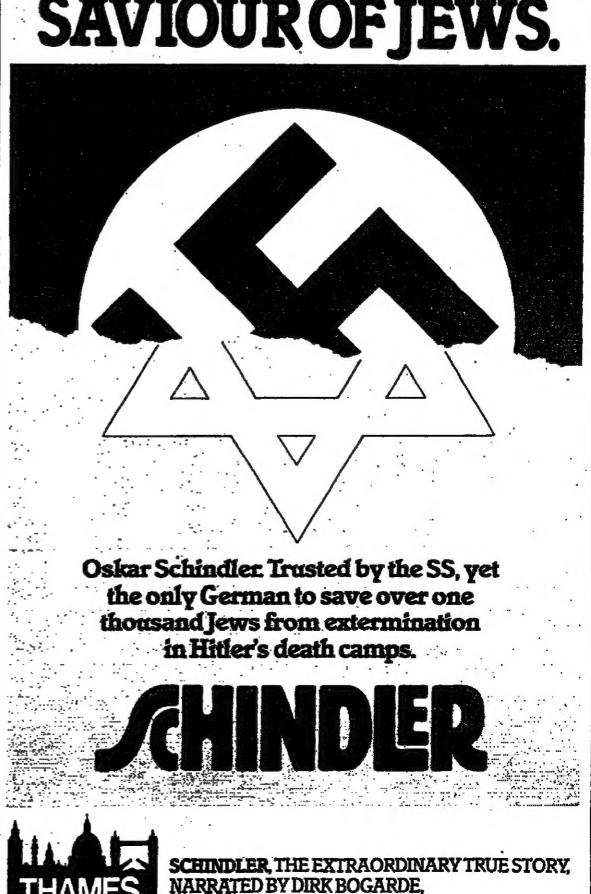
score of department stores, has seen its best results in the first week of this month in the South-east. Overall sales in the week-ended December 3 were 11 per cent up, just short of the group's projected increase. Toy, radio and television sales were up by nearly 15 per cent.

November sales up Spending in the shops gath-

after dipping slightly the pre-vious month, according to provisional figures from the Department of Trade and Industry (Peter Wilson-Smith

The retail sales index, which measures the seasonally adjusted volume of trade in the thops, rose by 1.1 per cent between October and November to a provisional 116.5. This was still below the record 117.3

SPY FOR THE NAZIS. SAVIOUR OF JEWS.



9.30 TONIGHT, ON THAMES TELEVISION.

The Booker Prize winning novel Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally is published by Coronet Books in paperback.



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1985 target date for sale of **British Airways**

PRIVATIZATION

British Airways is to be established as a public limited company next year and sold to the public as soon as possible, probably in early 1985. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said a

ommons statement.

He had not yet reached a decision on whether a capital reconstruction of the airline would be necessary. Mr Ridley said: The Government's intention of moving British Airways into the private sector was announced by the then Secretary of State for Trade in July 1979. Legislation to achieve this was passed in the Civil Aviation Act 1980.

Our original intention was to go ahead with a sale soon after the passing of the Act, but the decline in the airline's profits in 1979-80 and the large losses in the two subsequent years made that imprac-

Over the last two years, however, decisiveness on the part of management and determined cooperation from the workforce have sharply improved British Airways' productivity; and the airline industry is now emerging from the world recession.

British Airways made a net profit of £77m in the financial year ended last March; and they are set to make significantly higher profits this year. British Airways have also begun to restore their balance sheet. Since March they have repaid well over £100m of borrowings without any assistance from the Government. Their external finance limit fixed for 1984/85 means we expect British Airways to repay at least £160m of borrowings next year.

Following this transformation of British Airways' financial prospects I have decided to aim for privatization as soon as possible, hopefully in early 1985. To this end I propose to establish British Alrways as a public limited company under Government ownership in accordance with the 1980

I am accordingly arranging for the registration of a public limited company under the name of British Airways Plc without at this stage giving it the right to trade, and I shall shortly make an order nom-inating it as the successor company to the British Airways Board under section 3(2) of the 1980 Act.

section 3(2) of the 1980 Act.
I also propose soon to make an order under section 10(1) of the 1980 Act appointing April 1, 1984 as the day on which the property, rights. liabilities and obligations of the British Airways Board in the UK are vested in British Airways Did the Government intend to retain 49 per cent or 51 per cent of the shares in British Airways as envisaged when the Bill was first launched in 1979? Did Mr Ridley envisage problems with the pension Mr Ridley: It is possible that capital reconstruction will not be necessary.

advance of vesting to allow time for the necessary administrative steps, such as arranging the transfer of overseas property and rights from the British Airways Board to British

All this needs to be done well in



stan por statutory management of the British airline industry. I have therefore and short the British airline industry. I have therefore and Aviation Authority for advice and a short the British airline industry. I have therefore asked the chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority for advice and sole shareholder.

I shall inform the House early next year of the regime that will govern relations between the Government and British Airways in the period between vesting and the offer for sales but one element will be an assurance in similar terms to Aviation Authority for advice and he has responded that the authority will review those matters in consultation with the industry and representatives of users and make any desirable changes within the that given in 1980 to British framework of the Civil Aviation Act

1982 in their statement of policy on air transport licensing and other recommendations. I welcome this. Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry North West, Lab): Mr Ridley is Aerospace in similar circumstances, declaring that the Government continues to stand behind the company and will not allow it to efault on its debts.
This commitment will not of being totally dishonest with himself and the House if he pretends there is the slightest hope of BA repaying its capital debts within the period he envisages for privatization. Those debts cannot be repaid in the course extend to any debts falling due after the offer for sale. Final decisions on the timing of privatization will depend on the airline's financial performance in the meantime, on the state of the stock market and on the general prospects for the airline industry.

There has been considerable interest in the press lately, and in foresceable future even on the current good trading performance.

Will Mr Ridley give an assurance that the bulk of these debts will be paid by BA before privatization,

some parts of the airline industry, about whether a capital reconstrucotherwise it is to flog off at a knock-down price a major national asset at less than one year's earnings.
Mr Ridley: Mr Robinson is wrong in his suggestion that there is any dishonesty in anything I have said.
Not only is it possible for BA to earn tion of the airline will be necessary. I have reached no firm decision about this. It will depend in part on British Airways' financial perform-ance over the coming year. My aim is that as far as possible a great deal more profits, in the way they are going now they seem set fair to do so in the timescale I have the necessary improvements to the airline's balance sheet should come through its own efforts. set out. They can do other things to improve their balance sheet. British Airways has remained for

The board will review the value flotation so they can certify that the assets are reasonably valued in the published balance sheets. They will consider if there are good grounds for revaluing particular assets.

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C) said that after privatization BA would still be the most significant domestic European and inter-continental airline. An opportunity (he said) should

be taken for creating conditions in which at least two, rather than one. substantial airline operator can be created from this situation for the benefit of customers and compe

tition. Mr Ridley said Parliament had taken the power from the Govern-ment to alter the allocation of routes Civil Aviation Authority. This was why he had asked it to look at its policy in this respect. What Mr Howell said was surely be taken into consideration by the CAA.

During later questions Mr Ridley

l am not certain about that but a lot could be done by British Airways to get their own balance sheet in order in time. said that airport policy could be within the scope of the CAA review. On competition, he said this was It is not finally decided whether we will sell 100 per cent, but I think route for the vast majority of Britain's designated overseas routes. There could not be competition Airways Pic. Shortly before vesting British Airways Pic should be issued with a certificate to trade under section 4 of the Companies Act 1980, so that one of the Companies Act 1980, so that the probability is we will when the British's designated overseas routes. There could not be compection I think the pension fund can be to get onto routes where there was put into good shape before not a designation.

All MPs urged to condemn strike by print workers

dispute is clearly seen for what it is -

an attempt to impose a closed shop against the wishes of the employees of the firm concerned.

Resist Opposition

blandishments

Mr Smith appears to have

independent body, they have sought to act in the way they have, in the finest tradition of the service to see

There is no advantage in this

dispute for either party or for the NGA to seek to pursue, by unlawful means, this dispute. I hope that Mr Smith will clearly urge the union to stay within the law in the dispute.

Government appears to think that responsibility lies uniquely in this situation on the shoulders of the

this. The Government believes that

Mr Smith: Once again

on him by Parliament

NGA DISPUTE

account of events. Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, appealed to all MPs to join him, in condemning the National Graphical Association's further recourse to indiscriminate and damaging industrial action in and damaging industrial action in calling a one-day strike for Wednesday, but the Opposition did not respond. Nor did Mr King respond to the invitation by Mr John Smith, chief Opposition damaging national dispute, it is his duty to help all sides to find a

John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, that he should, invite the parties to the dispute to meet at the Department of Employment. Mr Smith said that the setting up of the Advisory and Conciliation Board had not removed from the Secretary of State for Employment the duty of resolvine industrial the duty of resolving industrial disputes placed on him by Parliament Mr King replied that he had not sought to dissociate the had not sought to dissociate the Government from that and had invited Mr Smith to join him in seeking to achieve that within the law, but Mr Smith had signally failed to do so. six could be resolved and the

In a statement Mr King said: In a statement Mr King said: Further negotiations between the Stockport Messenger Group and the NGA took place throughout last week under ACAS chairmanship. These lengthy negotiations ended without agreement in the early hours of Friday morning.

I understand that the chairman of the group. Mr Shah, put forward proposals for the reemployment of the six dismissed strikers which the

the six dismissed strikers which the NGA did not reject and which could have resolved that issue. However, the NGA refused to

give up their demand for a closed shop at Bury and Warrington. On the central issue of the closed shop, the NGA continued to insist on its ment but Mr Shah was not prepared to accept this against the wishes of his employees, and it was on this issue of the closed shop that the negotiations broke down.

Later on Friday morning the contempt proceedings in the High Court in Manchester, which had been adjourned a week before at the request of both the Messenger Group and the NGA, were resum The NGA were fined a further £150.000 for the unlawful picketing which occurred between Novemb 22 and 24 in their continued defiance of the orders of the court, and £375,000 for the unlawful picketing at Warrington between November 29 and December 1.

The National Council of the NGA met on Saturday and decided 14. I trust that all sides of the House will join me in condemning further recourse to the indiscriminate and damaging industrial action. It can do nothing to resolve the NGA's dispute with the Stockport Messenger Group.

All it will achieve is substantial

damage to companies who have no connexion with this dispute and which can only put at risk the jobs of many of their own members and other employees as well. For all these reasons, and not least what are likely to be the serious consequences for the NGA itself, I'

Mr Smith: His account of the

negotiation held before Acas will that, and Mr Smith has signally not be heard by at least one side as failed to do that. Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrin-

Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C): The printers and typesetters employed by the Messenger earn more than the average carnings of other provincial workers. They have a private medicine scheme which covers their families and which the NGA perhaps does not approve of but which is popular. They also have profit sharing. It is disgraceful that a man who is standing up for the rights of the Between now and Wednesday there is time to avoid a national printing strike and as Secretary of State for Employment, Mr King has a responsibility to foster good industrial relations. As the nation is faced with what could become a

It is disgraceful that a man who is standing up for the rights of the majority of his employees should be viilified by Mr Wade and painted as a Scrooge and skinfiint employer grinding down the faces of the poor when he started in a small way, set up a successful business and has produced new jobs which Labour says we should have. He should invite the parties now Employment to discuss ways of avoiding the conflict. If he does not do so, he is missing an opportunity of an intelligent initiative by the responsible minister which might tip the balance towards a settlement Mr King: I have sought to represent the facts of the dispute as fairly as I Mr King: I have heard that wages there were way below those of the NGA and I have made inquiries. On the evidence available to me. it could and the House will a what certain MPs did not appear to accept last time I made a staten ars that Mr Shah pays above that this dispute is about the imposition of a closed shop. It is clear that the reinstatement of the the average wage for provincial papers in the North-West, so it appears that Mr Montgomery's

I wish no part of a situation which when no part of a situation which seeks to impose a closed shop on employees against their wishes. It would be encouraging if a few voices on the other side of the House were Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: I believe that Mr King is right not to intervene. His main effort should be

formation is correct.

intervene. His main error should be in trying to urge the TUC to assert the principle which the TUC has always upheld - the rule of law - and that the TUC should not be the sanction any further action by the NGA in defiance of the law.

Mr King: I do not wish to anticipate any meeting of the TUC. If the TUC is concerned, as it must be, for respect for trade unions, it must be concerned to see that unions operate

Mr John Gorst (Hendon, North, C): Will Mr King continue to resist the blandishments of the Opposition for him personally to interfere in this dispute.

forgotten that a previous Act of Parliament set up Acas to take over precisely that function of the Ministry of Labour. very blandishing so far. I have no intention of being dragged in by those sort of siren calls, as though a minister has superior ability over the professional experience of Acas. Mr Michael Howard (Folkestone and Hythe, C): The reason the NGA is so keen to get a closed shop when the workers do not want it, is so that they should be able in future to make those workers strike against their will on pain of exclusion from

> silence is prepared to condone Mr King: I would have thought that the Opposition on reflection must realize that it is and must be everyone's right to belong or not to

the union and loss of job. It is disgraceful that the Opposition by

ment in sending the dispute.

There are seldom any winners in industrial disputes, but the para-Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Will Mr King continue to shirk his responsibility on the slender pretext that there is mount responsibility of the Sec-retary of State is to seek to settle disputes. Setting up Acas in no way removes that responsibility placed statutory machinery in existence? Mr King: I am not seeking to dissociate the Government from Mr King: I have recognized my first responsibility, to make sure that the facilities and agencies which exist under statute for resolution of this

Pressure groups attacked for activities

cars to get much less immunity

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Government is taking action to The Government is taking action to significantly reduce the number of diplomatic vehicles which are able to escape fixed penalties and wheel clamping through claiming diplomatic immunity. Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, told the House of Lords during mention time. question time.
In answer to a question by Lord

Balfour of Inchrye, (C) about the problem of the parking of diplo-matic vehicles. Lord Elton said: We have completed a detailed review of the wheel clamping of diplomatic vehicles. This has confirmed that such clamping would be in breach of the Vienna Convention on diplo-matic relations and it is, therefore, not legally possible to apply wheel clamps to such vehicles.

Instead we propose to tackle the wider problem arising from the numbers of diplomatic vehicles in introducing new arrangements to reduce their numbers.

The first measure arises from the distinction which exists between

different types of diplomatic immunity. Representatives of certain international organizations such as the UN, Nato and consula staff, are not entitled to full immunity but only to immunity in connexion with the acts arising from their official duties.

These representatives are at present issued with category X registration plates which are also issued to certain staff entitled to full the control of the

immunity. In future, X registered plates will be reserved for vehicles whose users are only entitled to immunity arising from their official As soon as the necessary replating

has been carried out, X registered vehicles, of which there are some 400, will be eligible for whee

clamping.

Secondly, there will be a furn imit on the number of vehicles for which D registration plated will be issued. These are issued to vehicles used by persons entitled to ful l diplomatic immunity. In future, issue of D plates for official vehicles will be limited to maximum of one set per notified diplomat per

Thirdly, the issue of D plates for private vehicles will be limited to a maximum of two sets per diplo-

These measures should result in a significant reduction in the number vehicles exempt from wheel clamping.
There were 5,718 vehicles in

There were 5,718 venticies in London carrying diplomatic immunity and in the first nine months of this year 74,674 fixed notice penalties had been cancelled on the grounds of diplomatic immunity.

In only two instances had members of British missions abroad has their sehicles classified On each has their vehicles clamped. On each

Parliament today Commons (2.30): London Regional Transport Bill, second reading, Lords (2.30): Agricultural Holdings

Diplomatic

President Alfonsin of Argentina marks a new phase in the Falklands sega. It also indi-

> Office was very much out of favour. Mrs Thatcher had never had much rapport with professional diplomats, and she came to the conclusion then that they had let her down. By about the beginning of this year the Prime Mister's attitude had evidently mellowed. But the first notable indication that she had become receptive to Foreign Office advice came at the Conservative Party conference in Octob er, when she spoke of the need for dialougue with the Soviet

Virtues of active diplomacy

accords precisely with Foreign Office thinking, with its belief in the value of keeping open the lines of communication with the East so as both to control the rise of international tension. and to create the conditions in which a disarmament agreement might be negotiated.

One is tempted to suggest that Mrs Thatcher's response to the invasion of Grenada also bore the mark of Foreign Office influence. Certainly, it too was in line with the analyses of the. FCO, which did not believe that the United States had sufficient justification for its action on the basis of the evidence then available either in London or in Washington whatever may have been subsequently discovered about the Cuban arms build-up on the island. But this seems to have been an instance where the Prime Minister and the Foreign Office came indepen-

The Argentine initiative, however, clearly bears the stamp of the FCO. It is not just that the Foreign Office has always believed in the need forna. Professional diplomats see the advantages of starting a process of discussion without specifying exactly where it should lead. But one would not have thought tbat this kind of tentative, indirect, conciliatory approach was quite Mrs

that she should become influenced by FCO thinking at a time when the Foreign Secretary himself is not particularly strong. Sir Geoffrey Howe. has had an uncomfortable few months since his transfer from the Treasury. He is one of the most resilient of politicians, but his air of battered doggedness? has enabled him neither to command the Commons nor to cut an imposing figure on the international stage.

professionalism

No doubt he carries more that of a department.

we are seeing again. The softening of Mrs Thatcher's uttitude towards the FCO became apparent shortly after Sir Anthony Parsons became her special adviser on foreign affairs a year ago. Her acceptance of the case for a dialogue with the East became evident shortly after Sir Anthony wrote her a paper on that theme a few months ago.

between the Prime Minister and his former colleagues in the FCO. But he finally retires at the end of the year. It will be a pity if the Foreign Office influence goes with him. The conduct of international affairs

BL heading for private sector

too long preparing for take-off. It is a great tribute to Lord King, the British Airways Board and the entire staff of the airline that I can today position the airline on the

runway for take-off into the private

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition

spokesman on transport, said his

party would continue to oppose the privatization of British Airways as

detrimental to the maintenance of a

We expect that if the Government want an early sale (he said) it will

certainly have to do some form of capital debt construction. Mr Ridley

in his statement avoided that

international routes.

bargain which would give returns to the Government, Mr Roger King (Birmingham, Northfield, C) said in the Commons in initiating a debate on the motor industry.

Moving a motion calling on the

Government to give continued encouragement to the industry, he encouragement to the industry, he said that they should not fall into the trap of bribing Nissan to set up a plant in Britain with several hundred million pounds to provide no more than about 6,000 nev only to find Nissan's market share in Britain was at the expense of BL,

Mr George Park (Coventry North East, Lab) said any agreement with Nissan to produce in this country ust contain a spict condition on gh local content. To talk about privatizing parts of

Participation

in waterways

business

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a

Commons written reply on privatiz-

The British Waterways Board is financed as to 85 per cent of its total

income by annual grants from the Exchequer. An objective currently

under discussion with the board is that it should increase opportunities for private sector participation in its

business, for example by direct investment, contracting out, joint

entures and hiving off.

corporate strength

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove, C) said on taxation that the Government did not distinguish between the company car as a tool as distinct from its being a perk. Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West, Lab), for the Opposition, said they would welcome Nissan so long as it

meant more jobs net in the car industry, would not be at the expense of existing firms and there would be maximum opportunities for British components. Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Trade and Insustry, said he was confident that 1984 would see the first steps in the return of British

TRANSPORT

Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, said during questions in the Commons that he

was determined to maintain the

Severn Bridge, a vital entry into Wales and of fundamental import-

nce to the economy of South

assessment about the strengthening required on the existing bridge and alongside that considering the question of a second crossing. The

Secretary of State for Transport (Mr. Nicholas Pidles)

Nicholas Ridlev) hoped to make an

The company had reached a stage INDUSTRY

into profit took no account of the where it was realistic to start cyclical nature of the sales of planning its return to private particular models, he did not want ownership. No one could expect this special car tax would be a first-rate corporate strength holding the

remarkable achievement. Jaguar cars looked set to overtake Scotch

A story in The Guardian about the possibility of Nissan purchasing Austin Rover was untrue Leyland to private ownership. That was the Government's priority for BL and it intended to see it through. and in terms of employment.

even at the trading level this year. The progress of Jaguar had been even more spectacular. It had been a whisky as the prime United Kingdom export to the United

The motion was agreed to.

Contrary to what had appeared in some newspapers, no decision had yet been made by Nissan. Nissan would be welcome in Britain provided that the project had a high level of local content. It would only welcome Nissan if it felt it was a project that in net terms would add to the UK both in terms of output

Severn decisions early in the new year

early statement to the House on

both of these matters. This was

more likely to be in the new year than before Christmas.

Asked by Mr Rey Hughes (Newport East, Lab) what steps he was taking to improve the

motorway access into Wales, Mr Edwards said he worked in close cooperation with the Secretary of

State for Transport to ensure the best possible motorway access into

Mr Hughes: will be confirm that the Severn Bridge on the M4 is the only stretch of motorway in the whole of the United Kingdom on which tolls

Mr Edwards: The important matter

are collected

HOUSE OF LORDS

the Lord Chancellor, attacked what he described as the cruelty of those upset people who could not possibly be adversely affected by the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill. This was being done, to some extent deliberately, by pressure groups.
He was answering Lady Lock-

wood (Lab) who moved an amendment to the section intended to reform the financial arrange-ments in the aftermath of divorce when the House of Lords resume the committee stage of the Bill. She said her proposal spelt out more clearly what factors should be taken into account by the court in considering the financial consequences of divorce. had an even-handed at Under the amendment the court both parties to a divorce.

of the moment is not the question of

tolls, which have been operated under seccessive Governments but

to ensure the security of this vital

crossing to Wales. Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of

Glamorgan, C): Nevertheless, would

it not make some improvement to the flow of traffic if the tolls for

traffic leaving Wales were collected on the Welsh side and tolls for

Mr Edwards: Mr Ridley is taking a

close new look at all the measurer which operate the bridge to see if he can eliminate any unnecessary

delay. This is certainly on of the

things that is being looked at.

would have regard to "the party's age, family commitments, training, continuity of work experience and the availability of employment the availability of employment the system of the Bill were properly regardless of age, and on the basis

Lady Lockwood said there was organizations. organizations, including the National Council of Women, had approached her about it. She had received a sad letter from a 64-yearold woman who had bee divorced asking if her monthly allowance would be stopped. She had

The Bill's effect could be to cause women to be continually looking over their shoulder for future family consequences needed to be gave guidance on the kind of factors that the court should consider. It had an even-handed approach to

examined. The words which the amendment would insert were unnecessary and otiose. The Bill already spelt out everything that a court needed to take into account to Lord Hailsham said that they

could not draft an Act simply to allay public concern. It must be an something in a particular way.

He hoped they would be able to bring to those who were potentially affected by the Bill exactly what the Government had in mind. The draftsman would like to have another look at the section to see if the criteria as set out was the right criteria. The amendment would be

Lord Mishcon, for the Opposition, 99 votes to said the media had put the Bill majority, 15.

that the court was now to say that i was a good idea to render husband, liable for a certain period continuing obligation throughout In the profession it was known

that there were registrars who were "wives' registrars" and others who Courts, practitioners, the public

and the media needed guidance when alterations of this kind were Lor Hailsham commented: Of course the media are always with us, like the poor, and they have distorted this Bill. The amendment was rejected by votes to 84 - Government

Welsh improvement grants backlog will be honoured - Minister

HOUSING

A total of 90,000 home improvement grant applications are out-standing in Wales, and 26 local authorities have suspended ap-proval of discretionary grants. Mr State for Wales.
Commons questions.
He was answering Mr Edward
He was answering Tydfil and State for Wales, said during Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab) who then said that these 90,000 applicants were going to be left in a hopeless situation having applied but now knowing

and improvements would be blighted.
Will he (he asked) call a summit meeting with the Welsh local authorities to rearrange the financ-ing of this enormous backlog so that people can improve their homes as Government has encouraged

there was no hope of carrying out the improvements. Their homes

that any spending on renovation grants above 50 per cent of the allocation given to them will be met

Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of Giamorgan. C): Will he bear us mind that Wales has a significantly higher proportion of owner-occupiers than the UK in general and many are of small or limited means? The housing stock is older than the average for the UK, and therefore this need for remain and therefore this need for repair and Mr Roberts: Because of the

conditions revealed by the House Conditions Survey and for certain other reasons, the Chancellor saw fit to introduce the 90 per cent rate of grant which will remain available in hardship cases after March 31, 1984.

show up in an improvement in the next House Conditions Survey. Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C): This represents a saga of monumental blunders by the Welsh

Office. It is unrealistic right of people for grants and, on the very same day, the money that is available. The Government knows applicants have the right for up to 12 months to take up the grant so there should be a 12 month period after the deadline. Mr Roberts: There has never been any question of extending the period

during which applications could be made beyond March 31 next year. All that has to happen by March 31 is that the application has got to be made. It does not necessarily have to be processed or approved or paid

with this policy in the enormous number of applications coming forward. It is as successful as our Mr Roberts: He is mistaken. We Mr Peter Hubbard-Miles (Brid-have made special arrangements for this year and told local authorities in largest housing authorities in Wales was urged by certain of its members to redeploy existing staff or take on additional staff in order

to take maximum advantage of the

special short-term improvement scheme. If that advice had been accepted, many of its 1,000 current applications would have been processed and paid by now. Mr Roberts: He is right. We have made special arrangement to meet the financial costs this year and of course the sky was the limit last year. This year an extra £50m has been made available to local authorities.

Mr Geraint Howells (Ceredigion and Pembroke North, L): Will he give an assurance that the Govern-ment has no plans to abandon the improvement scheme in

clear that the 90 per cent rate of grant was for a limited period. Although the period for applying for the grant comes to an end on March 31. there will continue to be improvement grants available at the 75 per cent rate, I cannot stress enough that anyone who has applied by March 31 for the higher rate of grant will get it. Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Alyn and

Deeside. Labt: The minister claims success but why are the local authorities angry and bitter! Is it not the case that the poorer occupiers in elderly homes will suffer most and that their houses will be progressing wards massive dilapidation?

Mr Roberts: These grants are at the higher rate in order to help the poorer house owners and they are clearly taking advantage of it. Local authorities have no cause to be selves, because they have failed to take advantage of the opportunities given them by the Government.

Four projects to create 300 jobs

Wales' new inward investment organisation. WINvest, was today announcing four new projects for Cardiff and Tredegar which promised 300 new jobs. Mr Nicholas Edwards. Secretary of State for Wales, stated during Commons questions. He said he had dicussed several of these projects during his recent tour of the United States.

During the first 8 months of its operations. WINvest had handled 161 company visits to Wales. He said later that allocations to Welsh.

Development Agency factories this year were well up on last year's all-



rance ratio

Geoffrey Smith

ralkiands segal it also indi-cates a significant development in her own premiership. It confirms that she is now prepared to be influenced by the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

After the Argentine invasion of the Falklands, the Foreign

This did not exactly conflict with what she had said in Washington a fortnight before when receiving the Winston Churchill Foundation award. But the balance and tone of her Blackpool speech were very different; and her Guildhall speech a month ago, in which she anounced her intention to visit Hungary early next year, was in keeping with the new style. It is an approach that

dently to the same conclusion.

Thatcher's style. It is all the more remarkable

The need for

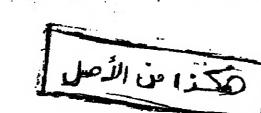
weight with Mrs Thatcher than his immediate predecessor, Mr. Francis Pym. who neither enjoyed a happy relationship with the Prime Minister nor scemed well placed in that post. But by far the strongest of Mrs. Thatcher's Foreign Secretaries has been Lord Carrington. He could persuade her to change her mind, although usually after long and bruising argument. But that was essentially a personal influence rather than Perhaps that may be what

In his new job Sir Anthony has been a valuable link

requires professionalism, pro-vided it is recognized that professionalism is not enough... One of Mrs Thatcher's greatest qualities, in foreign policy as in other fields, is a refusal to be deterred by odds that would donn most reasonable. well-informed people.

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France's extreme right delighted by surge in Brittany by-election

national and local government considered the second most by-elections on Sunday, obtain-ing 12 per cent of the vote in the parliamentary by-election in the second constituency of the Morbihan in Brittany.

Otherwise, the by-elections showed overall a continuation of the shift away from the left to the right, but with nevertheless some success for the left, with Communists increasing their share of the vote in three cantonal by-elections and the Socialists increasing theirs in

The National Front's high score in the Morbihan, obtained hy its own president, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, was unexpected, particularly in a predominantly country area where there are virtually no immigrants. It was the National Front's best result since the 17 per cent it won in the Dreux municipal by-clec-

A delighted M Le Pen, who

Power change

in Venezuela

Dr Jaime Lusinchi, aged 59,

who was formally proclaimed President-elect of Venezuela

Electoral Council confirmed

Democratic Action's landslide

victory over the ruling Christian

Democrats in elections on

He will take office in early

February. (Colin Harding writes). His party will have an

absolute majority in both houses

of Congress, with its 118 seats

in the lower house more than

Democrats.

after the Supreme

important opposition party after the Gaullist RPR.

M Georges Sarre, national secretary of the Socialist Party, said the result obtained by M Le

Pen was worrying.
The Morbihan by-election was held after the election to the senate of the previous incumbent, M Christian Bonnet, UDF depute for the constituency for the past 26 years. Three of the seven people contesting the seat on Sunday were rival UDF

The extreme right-wing was born in the Morbihan, by-election on Sunday was in National Front marked up the claimed afterwards that the the firs constituncy of the Lot in most striking result in the 15 National Front should now be the Midi-Pyrenees, where M Maurice Faure, a member of the centro-left Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche (MRG), had held the seat for 32 years until his election to the Senate.

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Although the single oppo-sition candidate gained the highest score in the Lot with 43 per cent of the vote, the left is well placed to win the run-off next Sunday. The three Socialist, Communist and MRG candidates obtained between them over 51 per cent.

candidates.

Between them they obtained 66 per cent of the vote. however, while the Socialist The young MRG candidate, M Bernard Charles, who was endorsed by M Faure, did however, while the Socialist surprisingly well, obtaining 23 candidate obtained only 15 per per cent of the vote, compared cent, markedly down from the with only 16 per cent for the 30 per cent the Socialists official Socialist Party candiobtained in the national electrical date. The MRG is one of the tions at the peak of the party's components of the present popularity two years ago. There Government, but is so tiny, will be a run-off between two usually getting no more than 2-3 UDF candidates next Sunday.

popularity two years ago. There Government, but is so tiny, usually getting no more than 2-3 upon cent of the national vote, The only other parliamentary that it is rarely mentioned.

Bush tells El Salvador to stop death squads

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

Vice-President George Bush He described the killings as by right-wing death squads. US officials in San Salvador

said the purpose of Mr Bush'e visit was to impress upon President Avaro Magana and his Desence Minister, General Carlos Vides Casanova, the genuine concern of the Reagan Administration about human rights violations in the country.

Mr Bush pressed the point at a dinner in his honour and reiterated it at a press conference given prior to his depar-

has informed the Government the "murderous violence of of El Salvador that aid to the reactionary minorities" and country may not continue said El Salvador would find it unless there is an end to killings difficult to get the aid it squads were stopped.

An independent human rights organization in the country estimates that up to 40,000 civilians have been killed by the security forces and the death squads in the past four years.

The State Department denied an entry visa to Señor Roberto D'Aubuisson, the head of the right-wing Arena Party, which has been linked with the death

3 accused of island plot

to overthrow the Government Act. of the Comoro Islands, off the

Arthur Greengrove, aged 42, scheme was for Mr Pilgrim to and Frederick John Patrick, recruit men to overthrow the 46 - appeared at a Government,

Perth (AFP) - A court here preliminary hearing in the Perth magistrates court, charged plan for a commando-style raid under sections of the Crimes

East African coast.

Three men - Walter John
Pilgrim, aged 54, Edward seeking to be reinstated and the



African quartet: President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya (left) celebrating yesterday his country's 20 years of independence with some of the invited heads of state - King Moshoe shoe of Lesotho, President Kannda of Zambia and President Said Barre of Somalia. The occasion was marked by the pardoning of 7,000 petry criminals and assurances to Uganda and Tanzania that Kenya would never tolerate dissident groups from those nations on its soil.

Angola 'to step up use of Cubans'

By Richard Dowden

Cuban and Soviet Involvement in southern Africa may soon be stepped up and Cuban troops used in direct combat against the Unita guerrillas and the South Africans supporting them..according to an Angolan

Mr Arsian Humbaraci, and Angolan Government adviser. told a press conference in London yesterday that the Angolans would soon ask for more Cuban troops and that, in the wake of the US invasion of Grenada, Cuba would be willing to supply them.

Until now, the Cuban forces in his country, estimated by US sources to number 20,000, have been held back from direct front-line combat.

It is understood the Russians have supplied new MiGs, Sam missiles and armour to Angola, and that France has sold Angola Gazelle helicopter gunships. The Soviet Union, Mr Humbaraci hinted, would be delighted with an Angolan decision to raise the stakes for the Americans in Southern Africa.

"Because of South African involvement in this zone, the war may take on new dimen-sions and the battle here will involve Cuban and perhaps Soviet troops. Cuban troops will be directly involved in the

American prisons in crisis

A short fuse and a history of rioting

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

with tougher and more manda-

tory sentencing. But although

jail space is at a premium, the

public is reluctant to pay taxes to finance prison construction

and building has been cut back.

the high rate of crime. Al-though it fell by about 4 per cent last year, a new report

shows that people here have a

greater chance of being victims

of a violent crime than of being

Mayor Koch: Judges not

hurt in a traffic accident.

Americans arte angry about

America's prisons are in noticed in time - but one man was arrested and charged with rape two days after he was freed. crisis. The tougher sentencing of recent years - a response to public demand for sterner treatment of criminals - has filled many jails to overflowing. The bursting jails are a reflection of the stronger law-and-order mood in America,

Prison governors are con-cerned that overcrowding is stoking up tensions which could erupt into rioting. One talks of his prison as a time bomb. Attica in New York state, for example, has 2,100 men in its cells - 300 more than the limit set after the 1971 riots in which 43 prisoners and guards died.

The American prison population has doubled in 10 years to 432,000. In some jails, the overcrowded cells can take no more and men are living in tents, basements, gymnasiums and corridors.

In New York city, several hundred prisoners have been released on a judge's orders to relieve pressure on jails. Mr Edward Koch, the outspoken mayor, then accused judges of not working bard enough.

The judges replied that Mr Koch should not push hisresponsibilities on to the judiciary, and his administration should build more cells. About 12 serious offenders including five accused of murder and two of rape, somehow got on to the release list in New York. Officials

Somalia to resettle refugees

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Somalia, with the world's highest proportion of refugees to its population, plans to move some of them from overcrowded camps to more permanent settlement where they can

become self-supporting.

The problem began in 1978. when hundreds of thousands of ethnic Somalis fled from the semi-desert Ogaden region of Ethiopia after an invasion by Somali troops had been repelled.

The number of refugees was put at well over a million against a normal population for the country of about four million. Now UN officials estimate that there are about 700,000 refugees in 35 camps in

different parts of Somalia.
The Deputy UN High
Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Richard Smyser, recently toured many of the camps.

A UN spokesman said there had been a marked improvement. Most camps have adequate water supplies, health and nutrition standards were better and morale among the refugees had improved.

However, the enmity between Somalia and Ethopia, which reached a peak in 1978, makes it virtually impossible for the countries to devise any plan for the refugees to return to

Pilots 'too emotional' after air crashes

From Richard Wigg

Spain's airline pilots were yesterday accused by the Government of reacting overemotionally to the two recent

air disasters. Señor Eurique Barón, the Transport and Tourist Minister. made the accusation when defending safety equipment at Spanish airports.

Speaking at a specially summoned press conference at which senior tourism officials were also present, the minister emphazied the need for strict observance of travel safety regulations to avoid increasing Spain's accident toll.

Linking the pilots with train drivers and motorists. Señor Baron said: "It is true in Spain we can improve respect for systems of safety."

The one-year-old Socialist Government, which has ap-pointed new directors at half the country's airports, was, Senot Baron said, making a great effort to improve supervision of

all transport, Señor Baron virtually re-jected all the criticism voiced by Spanish pilots after the head-on collision last week between two Spanish jets in dense fog at Madrid which killed 93 people. Only 10 days before that disaster, a South American jumbo crashed coming in to land at Madrid, with the loss of 181 lives.

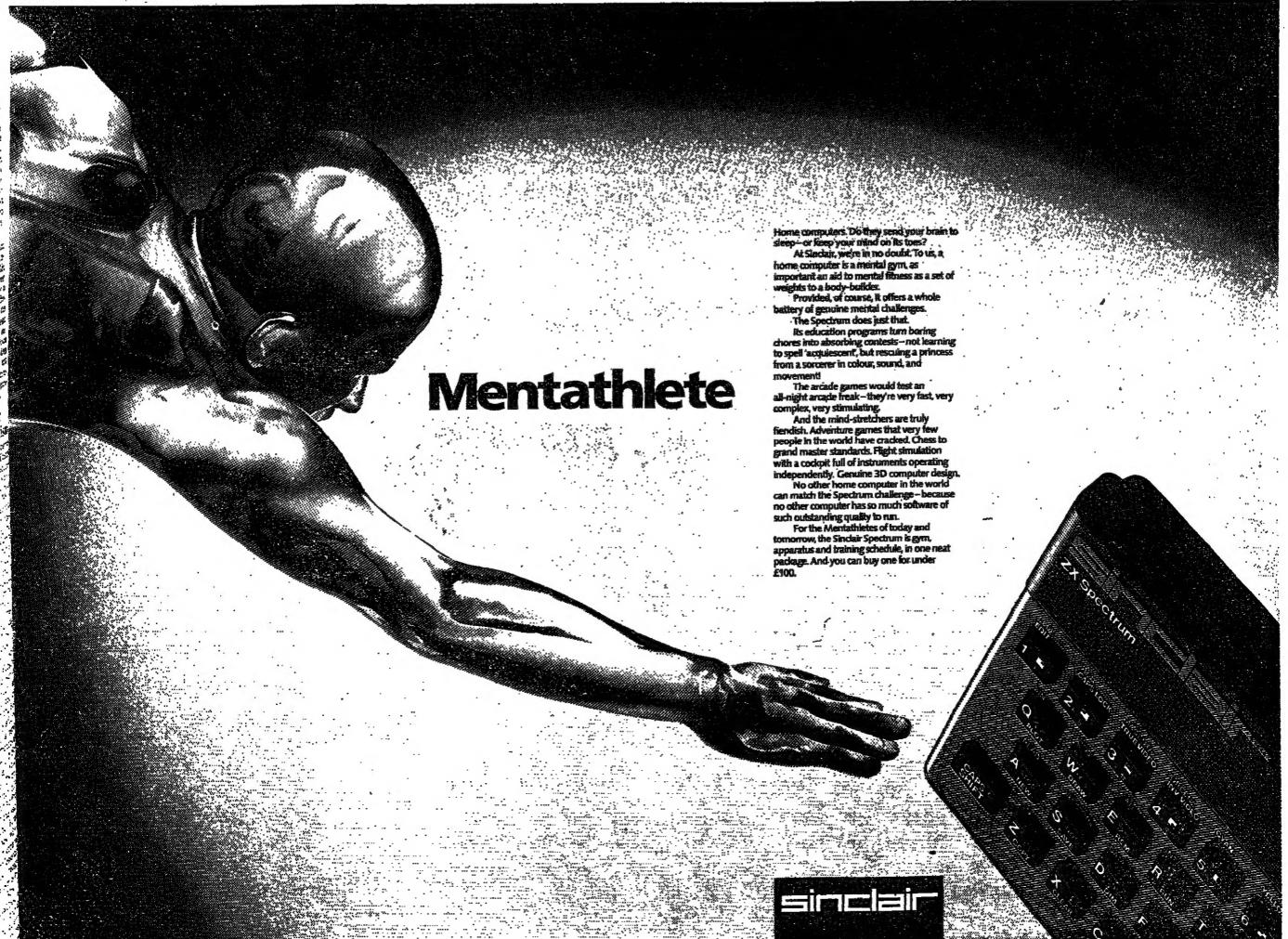
The Minister said it was at the discretion of the airlines whether planes should fly in near minimal weather conditions. The director-general of tour-

ism said at the meeting that no reroutings of tourist groups had occurred after the recent disasters, but there had been individual cancellations. No adverse comments or

Madrid's Barajas airport had come from British pilots, the Transport Minister said. Gatwick was using the same systems, he said. Answering the pilots' charge

that if Barajas had ground radar, the head-on collision could have been avoided, Seor Barón said a similar accident had occurred in Chicago two years ago where the airport had such a system

With only a few days of fog a year at Madrid, the problem was really how best to select safety priorities. Senor Pedro Tena, the director-general of civil aviation, emphasized. He suggested that doubling existing radar flight control equipment



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Portugal offers to act as go-between in Falklands negotiations

Portugal has offered to transmit Argentina's views on that the inauguration of Presithe Falkland Islands dispute to the British Government, Senhor dent Alfonsin was "well rate.

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lands) Islands.

The French Prime Minister, ported that the Government had chosen General Mario Fernandez Torres as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a move which would drive many high-ranking generals into retirement.

leader took office and put an end to the military Government responsible for last year's war in

the South Atlantic.
"We are in a position to

The Prime Minister added controls on Argentine business-

Schnor Soares made his offer United Nations, it only abduring a private meeting with
President Raul Alfonsin two days after the name Area of military
to said the names of military
appointees would be released
this week. days after the new Argentine He also promised that France expected to be particulary leader took office and put an would open a dialogue with the severe in the Army because it British to bring about nego- has not weeded out officers

transmit Argentina's opinions ment was expected to begin blamed senior military officers to the British Government and announcing its first measures for human rights abuses and the to point out the importance of this change to democracy," on Saturday. Officials at the people in a period of repression Sehnor Soares told reporters after meeting Señor Alfonsin.

Sensor Soares told reporters after meeting Señor Alfonsin.

The Foreign Office has

Mr Campbell: What was

he doing near Brest?

disappearance from Paris of a

second British businessman, Mr

Robert Graham, a newly-mar-ried accountant, aged 27, with

the London-based Transport

up their search for Mr Graham,

HAPPILY, THE BUCHANAN BLEND IS STARTING TO SHOW ITS AGE.

The rumours were fed by the

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tine Government, has also M Maurory told a press Government officials have offered to carry any return conference: "France never not confirmed these reports and world against Argentina in the said the names of military

the Falklands.

President Alfonsin's Govern
thations soon with Argentina in responsible for Argentina's defeat in the Falklands war.

President Alfonsin has also

Mystery of businessman's death

Bodies, denials and hints of spying

French police are still keeping suddenly have gone to Brest an open mind about the death of Mr Niall Campbell, the ICI employee, who disappeared in Paris on December 1. Further service shortly before leaving tests on the body were carried for Paris. out yesterday in Brest.

The initial post-mortem denied any connexion between examination showed that he Mr Campbell and the intellihad drowned, but police would gence services, as it would have like to know if he was given any drugs or was hit before he fell or was pushed into the sea. There is a wound on his forehead, but it is not clear whether he received it before or after he

Mr Campbell, aged 42, was married with two children and worked as an assistant planning manager for ICI's fibres division in Harrogate. He came to Paris for a routine business visit on November 30 and booked into his usual hotel, the Vernet, in the 8th arrondissement. The next day, December 1, he

brought his suitcase down to the lobby, saying he was planning to leave that evening. After attend-ing meetings at ICI's Paris offices in the morning, he lunched with colleagues, before returning to the hotel to leave his briefcase, containing his passport, return air ticket and some money, saying he was going shopping. He was never

On December 2, the French Development Group. body which had been washed up on to the rocks near Brest, not far from the French nuclear submarine base on the lie Longue. The post-mortem More excitement was gener-showed the man had died at ated by reports that a headless about midnight on December 1. armless body had been found but he was not identified until last Saturday, more than a week

Neither Mr Campbell's wife nor ICI know why he should the past fortnight.

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Kohl tries to woo Andropov

Bonn (Reuter) - Dr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chan-cellor, yesterday urged Moscow to preserve top-level contacts with the West and invited President Andropov to visit

Addressing a leadership meeting of his Christian Democratic Party (CDU), he also

gan next year.

The West, he said, would keep all doors open for agreement on limiting intercontinental and medium-range nuclear missiles, reducing conventional forces and banning all chemical weapons from

"We will also use every chance of cooperation in other areas – political, economic, cultural and humanitarian," Dr Kohl said. "For this reason, I expressly repeat my invitation to General-Secretary Andro-

July, Chancellor Kohl invited Mr Andropev to come to Bonn. The invitation was accepted but no date has yet been discussed.

Dr Kohl, who has been eager to maintain contacts with Moscow despite East-West frictions over deployment of new US nuclear arms in Europe, said his Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and Mr Andrei

but insist there is no evidence to suggest any link between the More excitement was generhere as highly conciliatory.

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The Buchanan Blend became a favoured

washed up on the rocks near where Mr Campbell's body had been found. It now appears that no such body has been found in

said he would welcome a summit between President Andropov and President Rea-

During his Moscow visit last

Minister, would meet early next year.

Chancellor Kohl's address vas described by diplomats

Later he told a pres reception in West Berlin that Bonn would consider steps to improve relations with Poland and East Germany. Relations with East Germany, he said, were particularly important

Tensions in Israel, Jordan and Lebanon



Face from the past: Mr Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, arriving at his new flat in the Beit Hakarem quarter of Jerusalem. He has disappeared into voluntary seclusion as a result of deep depession on September 6.

Bethlehem security fears grow

celebration in the Israeli-occu-pied town of Bethlehem after a new campaign of violence against Arab and Christian

The televised celebrations in Bethlehem's Manger Square have long been regarded as a prestige target for both Palesti-

The latest attacks took place cars were vandalized in the yesterday in the Palestinian village of Abu Tor on village of Hussan, only two miles from Bethlehem, where miles from Bethlehem, where Israeli security forces believe three Israeli Army issue grenthat a right-wing Jewish terrortrigger mechanism - were place of a campaign begun two weeks

King Husain of Jordan in an .

American television interview described conditions in the

Middle East area as very

New EEC

spirit

on budget

The European Parliament

was last night moving towards acceptance of the Community's 1984 budget, despite the failure of the Athens summit last week.

But a question mark still hangs over the future of the agreed British rebate of £457m, which

the Government wants paid by

At the previous reading of the

budget in the Parliament in October, members of most

parties threatened to block it

unless there was real progress in

Athens. They also blocked all

the money for Britain in the budget and tried to put a freeze

But from the opening speeches in last night's debate

it was clear that a new spirit of

compromise is sweeping

through the Parliament. The

threat of Community bank-

ruptcy appeared to have united the strong farming lobbies.

Mme Christiane Scrivener,

the French liberal MEP, who is rapporteur for the budget, told

he Assembly last night that the

Athens failure required mem-bers to show they could

override national selfishness

and find constructive solutions.

The important thing, she said,

responsibly to help the Com-

munity out of its present crisis.

German rebates are concerned,

conciliation.

Frankfurt yesterday.

she was less obviously seeking

tried to prevent a West German

the peace movement

As far as the British and West

was for Parliament to behave

agricultural spending.

five per cent of all

the end of March.

polarization."

The grenades were similar to four planted last Friday at Christian institutions close to Jerusalem's Mount Zion and a fifth at a mosque at Beit Safafa,

another village close to Bethlehem. All were booby-trapped. Another army issue grenade exploded on Friday night in the nian and Jewish terrorist main shopping street in the groups. Strict security pre-annexed Arab sector of cautions are already in force. Jerusalem and six Arab-owned

ades - each professionally ist group is responsible for the booby-trapped with a hair attacks, which appear to be part

Fears are mounting about house while the other two were wake of last week's Jerusalem security during Christmas Eve defused by the security forces. bus bomb attack in which five bus bomb attack in which five Jews were killed, including three schoolgirls.

One police officer said that the professionalism of the grenade attacks indicated the possibility that the perpetrators had had army training. Extra security measures have been instituted to try to prevent

tension between Jews and Arabs in the Holy City. • TEL AVIV: Israeli authorities have demolished the homes of three alleged guerrillas accused of killing a Jewish seminary student in the West Bank town of Hebron (Reuter

reports). The authorities also sealed off by Arab targets.

One exploded when a woman

The campaign had become terrorists in Hebron and R opened the front door of her noticeably more violent in the lah military officials said. four other homes of alleged terrorists in Hebron and Ramal-

more attacks at a time of high

We are at the edge, says Husain

met and he would have to have Palestinian participation and support before he could enter into any negotiations with Israel on a Middle East settlement. King Husain said that Israel's

dangerous.
"We are all at the edge of a precipice and the (Middle East) area is threatened," he said in a satellite interview from Jordan illegal settlement activities on the occupied West Bank were continuing to create obstacles Ouestioned about the fighting Asked to what extent the withing the Palestine Liberation Soviet presence in Syria posed a

Organization the King said: "We will continue to do threat to Jordan and Middle business with a PLO which East peace, the king replied: The danger in the area is of He reiterated that certain

superpowder interested in peace assembled at Tripoli's harbour in the area. "But it cannot do it to board Greek ships that will if it has embarked upon a evacuate them represents the people of Pales-tine and their hopes and ally of Israel – in other words, aspirations." He added that any an ally of a belligerent in the PLO organization that was tradedy in which we all live."

Britons held at gunpoint in Beirut

From Robert Fisk Beirut

Three British soldiers at-tached to the multinational force in Lebanon were stopped and detianed for an hour by gunmen from the Amal Shia Muslim militia yesterday after they had accidentally driven their Land-Rover into the Bourj al-Baraj-neh suburbs not far from the British base in southern Beirut.

The Amal militiamen, who originally thought the troops were Americans – despite the Union flag attached to their vehicle – later released the Britons unharmed.

A spokesman for the 97-strong British contingent, who failed to explain how the soldiers could have taken a wrong turning so near to their headquarters, said that the men "negotiated their own release" and that their weapons had not been taken from them.

subservient to the will or Arafat appeal: The Lebapolicies of any Arab state or any nese Army accused Druze force in the world "is certainly militia of breaking the civil war one that we would not recong- ceasefire yesterday as official nize". efforts again failed to reactivate King Husain said that the United States has a contribution to make to the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

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said army positions had come under Druze arillery and rocket

General Garcia dos Santos as Army Chief of Staff (Martha de la Cal writes). General Salazar Braga aged 58. served in Angola and Guinea Bissau and has also been a professor in the Institute for Advanced Military Studies he has no known political he has no known political affiliations.

The military command here

Buried protest Brisbane (Reuter) - Ten people protesting at the building of a road in a rain forest in Cape Tribulation Park, Queensland, were arrested after they had buried themselves in front of a bulldozer. Other protesters chained and roped themselves to branches.

Parents of

crippled

baby win

appeal The United States Supreme Court refused yesterday to order surgeons to operate on Baby Jane Doe, the none-week-old infant with multiple birth

defects whose case has roused a nationwide controversy (Trevor

Baby Jane, whose real name is a secret, was born with an abnormally small head and brain, water on the brain and

spina bifida, an exposed spine, Her parents were told that without surgery she would be unlikely to live beyond two. Surgery would give her a chance of living to 20, but she would be in pain, retarded, paralyzed and

The decided against surgery, but a right-to-life group per-

suaded a court to order surgery and appoint a lawyer as the baby's guardian. This order was subsequently overturned in an appeal court and yesterday the

Supreme Court in Washington

supported the appeal court's

Lisbon-Portugal's Cabinet has chosen General Jorge da Costa Salazar Braga to succed

Peru guerrillas

'aid drug trade'

Lima, (AP) - The Peru Government says it has proof

that international cocaine traf-

fickers and Maoist guerrillas are

working together in Peru's

the senate was told in a special

report that the guerrillas pro-

vide protection to illegal co-

caine traffickers in return for

Peking (Reuter) - Chinese

Buddhist monks and nuns are

being urged to scrap a 1.000-

year-old initiation rile of burn-

ing bare patches on the scalp because it is bad for their

health. The Buddhist associ-

ation's national council, meet-

ing in Peking, will abolish the custom if provincial Buddhist associations agree.

Moscow (Reuter)-Norway

and the Soviet Union opened

talks intended to break a 12-

year deadlock on rights to the Barents Sea. At stake are the rights to 60,000 square miles of

Artic continental shelf seabed

eved to hold extens

Barents talks

money, arms and clothes.

Scalp reform

An extraordinary session of

insurgency zone.

Lisbon's new

army chief

Fishlock writes).

epileptic.

Fine gesture

Bonn-West German police in all states except Lower Saxony and West Berlin will show a spirit of goodwill to traffic offenders during the Christmas period by delaying postage of notices of fines. This is to avoid disturbance of the family feast

Students shot

Peshawar (AFP) seriously, when police opened fire here on students from a commercial college, demonstrating for increased grants and a return to democracy in Pakistan.

Silent chimes

Copenhagen, (AP) - The city's town hall clock stood still yesterday when 10 anti-nuclear demonstrators stopped the noon chimes from fringing for the first time since they were installed in 1903.

Nota bene

Rome (AP) - The Bank of Italy announced yesterday it will change all Italian bank-notes at the beginning of the New Year. The new bills will be more sensitive to electronic

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STOPS DIARRHOEA - FAST

Traffic offence: A runaway hippopotamus from a West German circus attacks a police car before being hustled into a horse van at Kassel. Islamic scholars | Riot police on stand-by in **Gdansk and Warsaw** Poland's leaders have been visiting some of the country's on the Baltic coast, is seen as main industrial troublespots on the most volatile date. In Gdansk, Mr Lech Walesa will attempt to make a public speech announcing new plans for the banned Solidanty trade union.

In case gentle persuasion fails columns of motorized Riot Police (Zomo) have been moving into place in both Gdansk and Warsaw.

There are two possible booby traps the Government may have to cope with this week. The first comes today, the second anniversary of the declaration of martial law by General Jaruzelski.

Although Solidarity has not called for unrest today, the anniversary is sure to bring some trouble. A number of forters called the same trouble. factory cells have been discus-sing the possibility of small-scale wreath-laying ceremonies

and chanting.
But Friday, the thirteenth anniversary of the shooting of

the Baltic coast in an effort to dissuade workers from follow-ing the siren call of the Solidarity underground for demonstrations and protest marches this week.

while opposition groups in Nowa Huta, Warsaw and Wroclaw have been organizing protest marches Mrs Walesa home: Mrs

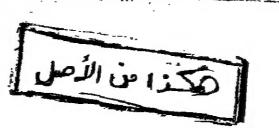
Danuta Walesa, the wife of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, yesterday returned from the awards ceremony in Oslo to Warsaw airport which police sealed off to prevent any show

of popular support for her husband (Reuter reports).

Mrs Walesa, accompanied by her cledest son, Bogdan, was welcomed by her husband and the family's close friend and adviser, Father Henryk Jankowski of Gdansk.

Motorists who could not

Motorists who could not produce airline tickets or were not accredited journalists were turned back by police



brand Syria

as anti-Muslim

Islamabad (Reuter) - An

Islamic scholars said yesterday

that Muslims were being per-secuted in Syria, Uganda and

A communique issued at the

end of the conference said the

scholars expressed horror over

the systematic persecution of Muslims in Syria on "a scale

and in a brutal manner that has

In Mutlangen, near Stuttgart

Pershing 2 missiles are believed

detaining 15 of them.

few parallels in history."

Ethiopia.

Base blockade broken

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Riot police used water can- Up to 40 people were non against anti-nuclear dem- detained, 30 of them for onstrators who blockaded an allegedly insulting the police by

About 150 demonstrators where West Germany's first

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a plot to launch a terror campaign to coincide with South Africa's Day of the Vow on Friday, the most sacred date in the Afrikaner calendar. It commemorates the victory in 1838 of the Voortrekkers over the armies of the Zulu king, Dingaan, at the so-called Battle of Blood River. But it is also the anniversary of the formation of the ANC's military arm, Umkonto We Sizwe (Spear

during police investigations into an attempt in October to kill Mr W. Botha, the Prime

Ozal Cabinet delayed

designate, submitted the list of Kenan Evren vesterday, only to be told that its scrutiny would

take at last a day. Mr Ozal chairman of the Motherland Party, which secured a safe majority in the 400seat Parliament in last month's elections avoided giving any reason for the unaccustomed

that the list would "probably" "surprise apppointments".

speculation that the delay might be caused by the inclusion in the list of names outside Parliament, or to be more precise, those who were veroed

Moscow admits mishaps as cosmonauts tell of fuel leak on Salyut 7

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Soviet space officials have sub-system used for manoenvr- ence of going outside the space atted publicly for the first time ing the giant 47-ton space station to install extra solar stated publicly for the first time ing the giant 47-ton space that the orbiting space station complex. He said the sub-sys-Salyut 7 suffered a fuel leak tem had been closed down and recently and that a replacement the station had continued to cosmonaut crew had a narrow escape when their rocket launcher exploded. Both mishaps



Commander Lyakhov: "We were not in danger."

November said Salyut 7 had begun to wallow badly after a propellent fuel leak, and that the two cosmonauts on board

Soyuz T9 craft which had brought them to the space might have to be rescued. Both Lyakhov and Aleksandstation. Officials could not confirm that the return had roy described what could have been hazardous. Lyakhov said turned into a serious crisis in they had not been in danger and calm, almost laconic terms, could have returned at any minimizing the hazards and emphasizing the scientific expe-Vladimir Shatalov, the head riments carried out during the of cosmonaut training, admit-ted there had been problems on Salyut 7 after a fuel leak in a

Aleksandrov described the "emotionally charged" experi-

batteries supplied by the un-manned cargo craft Cosmos 1443 and Progress 18. He said knowing that only a thin space suit separated one from space was an extraordinary sensation. The Earth below was dark, "as in a shadow play", and small objects dropped by the cosmonauts looked like stars.

Mr Shatalov, striking a more prosaic note, said the solar batteries were for energy sup-plies used in experiments and had no connexion with the fuel

He said Salyut 7 was in good condition, and further crews would visit it next year, including an international crew containing Indian cosmonauts now being trained in Russia.

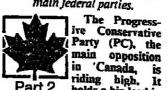
Officials told the press conference that in addition to the space station programme the Soviet Union was carrying out research into an American-style reusable shuttle craft but there vere complications.

The two cosmonauts appeared to be fit and well, and said they had adapted quickly from weightlessness to Earth after initial difficulties in well-in Soviet scientists have walking. Soviet scientists have expressed concern about the effects of prolonged weightlessness on the physical and psychological well being of the cosmonauts.

Canadian Tories rejuvenated by scent of victory

Youthful image peps up the political contest

Concluding his series from Ottawa on the Canadian political scene, Ivan Barnes, political scenc, Ivan Barnes, Foreign News Editor, reports on the leadership of the two main federal parties.



Part 2 riding high. It holds a big lead in opinion polls over the governing Liberal Party and scents victory in the general election which must be

held within 15 months.
Fundamental to its high morale is the new, young leader. Six months ago Mr Brian Mulroney, a 44-year-old businessman from Quebec, won the leadership. He entered the House of Commons in September with victory in a by-election in Nova Scotia, his first elective office.

One reason, above all others, probably led the Tories to choose Mr Muironey: they saw him as a winner. They were shaking off the memory of Mr Joe Clark's muffed opportunity in 1979-80, when he briefly led the PC in a minority govern-

Without doubt, the Tories have their best opportunity in decades to effect a fundamental change in Canadian politics. The prize for them is their return to the role of a truly national party, a party of government, not permanent

Ms Janis Johnson, the national director, brims with confidence. "For the first time

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Toryism's new faces: Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila wearing the winning smiles that boosted party morale.

in ages", she said, "the party is

The Liberals have allowed this, in her opinion, by their movement leftwards, "People

have had it up to here". Ms Johnson said, "with pseudosocialism". She talks easily of what

improvements two terms of

John Turner: Young hope for the worried Liberals.

Many Liberals now see their man, Mr Pierre Trudezu, the Prime Minister, as a loser. They want a young standard-bearer to match, and out-match, Mr Muironey.

One man is always mentioned in any list of replacements, should Mr Trudeau quit, Mr John Turner is named by Liberals as the probable front-runner whether they support the idea of his leadership or not, and despite the fact that he bas been out of parliamentary politics for nearly eight years.

There is considerable antipa-thy between the two Liberals. Mr Turner may have been crown prince for more than a decade, but there is no leader's blessing for this recognized heir, as has generally been the case for Liberals in the past. Unless the looming Tory

threat and its own desperate position cause Liberal minds to concentrate wonderfully, Mr than a walkover, if Mr Trudeau goes. Many hats could be in the

Mr Turner, however, has a strong following. He has maintained a network of contacts in the party since he left government. At 54, he is 10 years younger than Mr Trudeau. He is an "Anglo" and the Liberal tradition that the two main language groups take turns as leader has not broken

Most important is whether Liberals believe Mr Turner is their winner. If they do, the job could be his. Meanwhile, the beleaguered party awaits Mr Trudeau's decision and banks on the Tories making mistakes. That has certainly been the Tory way. Their last two administrations have shown a remarkable tendency for selfimmolation. Mr Mulroney, sensibly, is keeping quiet on policy matters. Liberals are confident he will cause great fissures in his party once he is is forced to take a stand.

It is the Grits (as the Liberals are commonly known) who win elections, who know how to run politics: Tories

At this stage, it seems that only a miracle can save the Liberals - with or without Mr Trudeau. The Tories know. however, that it would not be prudent to write off the party which has governed Canada for about 50 of the last 62 years, or the man who is the West's

Concluded

Prisoners of conscience

were earlier reported in the West but denied in Moscow.

At a Moscow press conference, Commander Vladimir Lyakhov, who spent 149 days on board Salyut 7 with engineer

Aleksandr Aleksandrov, con-firmed that they should have been replaced on 26 September, but there had been an accident

The two replacement cosmo-nauts had been catapulted to

nauts had been cataputed to safety, but their Soyuz mission was abandoned. "We were told immediately," Lyakhov said, "and out flight lasted longer than expected. Our programme of next was expended."

Lyakhov and Aleksandrov

finally returned to Earth on 23

November, using the same

on the launchpad.

of work was expanded

Uruguay:

By Caroline Moorehead A 45-year-old telephone engineer, father of eight-yearold twins, is one of a growing number of Uruguayan political prisoners whose physical state

is causing anxiety.
Ismael Sena, detained since 1975 and charged with "subversive association", has an untreated stomach ulcer. He shares a cell 6ft by 9ft with another prisoner and can leave it for only 45 minutes of

exercise each day. Señor Sena was a delegati for his union and worked in his home town of Montevideo when he and his wife, Alicia, were arrested in October, 1975.

Alicia was released in 1978, but her husband spent six months in detention blindfolded and was, if is believed, repeatedly tortured – before being moved to a military barracks and then to Libertad prison, known for its harsh reatment and inadequate medi-

cal care. Although no evidence was produced at his trial that he ad used or advocated violence, Señor Sena was sentenced by a military court to nine years' detention. Despite petitions and the state of his health there is



Ismael Sena: Spent

Ershad's partial cleme-icy

From Michael Hamlyn

The new President of Bangladesh started his first full day in office by declaring that he was prepared to talk to any of the politicians about his timetable

for restoring democracy. Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammad Ershad, the chief martial law administrator, who Ismael Sena made himself President on Sunday began his new role by releasing four women political leaders who have been held under house arrest.

They were Begum Khalida Zia, widow of former President Ziaur Rahman; Shaikh Hasina Wajed, daughter of the late Prime Minister, Shaikh Mujibur Rahman; Mrs Motia Chowdhury and Mrs Ivy Rahman, both leaders of the Awami

Four male political leaders. however, who were arrested with them after the disturbances on November 28 remain in jail.

President Ershad's ence towards the politicians is very much linked to how they react to his offer of talks. He is plainly prepared to be flexible over the timing of presidential and parliamentary elections.

The politicians are keen to have parliamentary elections before presidential elections, so as to build themselves a power base in the country before tackling General Ershad in a presidential contest.

But on one of their demands he was quite inflexible: he will not withdraw martial law until after the elections have been held. "Some one has to run this country," he said. He is still not ready to lift the restrictions clamped down on political activity after the November 28

Surrounded by a throng of journalists under the huge chandeliers of the Bangabhaban, the presidential palace, which used to be the home of the governors of East Bengal, he added: "I asked the politicians to explain what happened that

day. But they couldn't." The demonstration which started out quite mildly went out of hand as a crowd attempted to force its way into

months blindfolded. the government secretariat. Swoop on ANC as

sacred date looms

Ten people were arrested in a police swoop on African National Congress (ANC) sus-pects believed to be involved in Pretoria said yesterday that further arrests were possible. General Johan Coetzee, Commissioner of Police, confirmed that large arms caches had been discovered after a shoot-out in the coloured township of Eldorado Park, near Johannes-

burg, last week.

One of the people arrested was a prominent ANC member, General Coetzee.

The shoot-out, he said, came

Mr Turgut Ozal, Turkey delay in approval of the Cabinet conservative Prime Minister- list, he merely told reporters his Government to President be made public today, hinting at

He declined to comment on earlier be the military regime. The first £70 a year of interest from a National Savings Ordinary Account is free of all UK Income Tax and Investment Income Surcharge. For example, if you deposit £1,167 before the end of December 1983 and keep it in for the

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Exit Jenniser (stage left)

offisiage. Jennifer a Hall, daughter of Sir Peter and film star. Leslie Caron, has abandoned the boards after a quarter of a century (from birth to now) in the acting world. Last month she was Helena in a Midsiumper Night? Dream, now her personal desire of stardon is finished.

Jennifer Hall, has her month or smouth her father's east and a mind of her own. Her current change of cares is for love and marriage—she is to marry farmer Alex Clive and swap the South Bank for apple

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orchards.
"Acting is something that takes up the whole of your emotional life," says "lennifer. "I would't want to act half

hear tedly."

Her last dramatic switch of roles was when she abandoned Cambridge University three years ago to take up acting.
Then I was in love with acting but now I have changed. The path to the National parties provincial paving spaces provincial paving spaces are variety of parts from The Toylor to Beckett.

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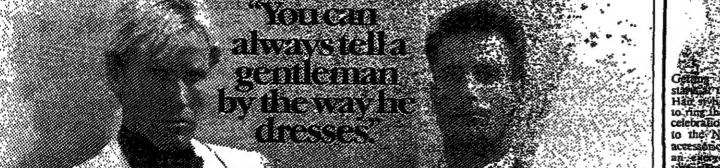
spicy colour. "I suppose that I haven't quite found my style yet", she admits. "I find that I am always changing. I used to wear garage mechanics overalls and awful old jackets. I never had a feeling about dressing up for the incatre. It was rather a question

of dressing down."

Jennifer Hall is fall and striking with Leshie Caron's full lips. "I remember my mother telling me never to: sande directly at the camera says. Jennifer. "She claimed it makes your face look far. But L think.

of image came not from a new organt poer and an appropriate outfit, but by cutting off her sense of drama. Jennifer Hall luxurant chestnut-brown han: stipped into the suit and played. Part of her, she says, feels our a different fashion part.





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How to get ahead at Christmas parties

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buffeted locks. Molton Brown's ... Retro styles, like teased bobs Hair Knots can be twisted, and beehives, are sexy and fun plaited and knotted in any for partying. If you have a

Christine Painell



Above: Soft roll knotted with unspun wool, seven colours in a kit, £5.95 from Molton Brown, 58 South Molton Street, W1; Harrods; Harvey Nichols; Liberty, Hair by Vicky, make-uby Elenka, both for Molton Brown.

Even the young Cecil Beaton, known for his lyrical camera fashion socialities in 1933,



studies, are portraits, like Bouche's 1961 drawing of Jacqueline Kennedy.

Spanish-born fashion illustrator Antonio has captured the sense of style which is vividly represented in the earlier work, right up to Eric's poignant studies of grand hats at the height of the war. (The search for artists in wartime encouraged Vogue to use the young Ruskin Spear). David Hockney writes an introduction and one displays his delicate drawing of Celia Birtwell in her own print

colour pages.

Twentieth Century British
Jewellery: 1900-1980 by Peter
Hinks (Faber and Faber £27.50) is a serious book written with makes it interesting for a general reader as well as indispensable for students of the craft of jewelry. The art and Hinks has to tell, from the movement of that name in the early part of this century to the designer-craftsman revival of

our own time. His discussion of changing fashions in jewelry (lavishly illustrated in colour and black and white) becomes a study of and white becomes a study of particular jewellers, as the description of the livers and the livers at the livers at the livers at the livers at Softeny's, is particularly interesting about the explosion of design talent in the liberated shapes and lines of jewelry.

The surreal and fantastic strain in modern jewels is paralleled by the art nouveau fascination with medievalism

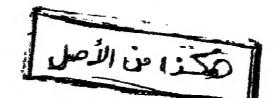
fascination with medievalism and mythology. Jokey and



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reineraphity of the female creature. He is equally acute on the current trend towards jewelry as sculpture, designed against the natural lines of the female body that it is supposed to adorn. This "body sculpture" may be aesthetically pleasing but it widens the gap between designers and trade which the Arts and Crafts movement

• The Fashion Year Book. General Editor: Brenda Polan (Zomba Books £12.50) is another generously illustrated book dealing with fashions here and now. The collections of 1983 in the world's various fashion capitals are photo-graphed and reviewed in lucid profiles and studies (mostly by the editor). This makes an interesting guided tour through the maze of contemporary fashion and provides a good high fashion source book for fashion buffs or fledgling designers



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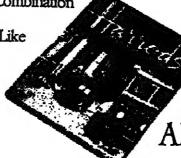


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Sir Oswald and the Jews



On July 2, 1940, the founder of the British Union of Fascists, Sir Oswald Mosley, sat down before a government committee appointed to advise on his wartime internment and chaired by Norman Birkett (left). The record of

the 16 hours of interrogation remained secret until yesterday, when it was released by the Public Record Office. In the following extract, Birkett began by asking about the BUF's attitude to Jews

a problem and most of our people had When we began it hardly existed. pot. During those two years we were stolently attacked by certain Jewish interests. Our people were persecuted. fur supporters were blackmailed by ewish interests. I had never looked the problem. I had at that time Again, part of the policy of the British dever been to Nazi Germany, but I was Union is to stop all immigration, is it forced to regard the problem by the petion which they took against us. There are many explanations for their artion; they may have seen what was happening in Germany and feared we were going to do the same thing, but making all allowances, the fact is that it was their action against us which brought it to my notice and after one or two warnings I violently attacked

WEKETT: On what grounds did you ack them?

heir whole influence upon national ic. I should have said that. I had ever looked into the problem in any name or form. I always actually thought it was the work of cranks and a ways, although they were so opposed in us, I overlooked it and then I said "why are they so opposed to us?" We want to stop certain things. We want to stop international usury, we want to stop the whole money-lending racket. We do not like price cutting. We do not like the sweating of labour. Gradually it dawned upon me that certain people were very much engaged in these take anything?
things, I was compelled to look at the But we apply the same rule to our own Jewish problem by their opposition to iis and, having looked at the Jewish problem. I developed what is called anti-semitism.

In what year did you first make your declaration against the Jews?

October 1934, the Albert Hall meeting. think it is about October 1934. It will he recorded in the general papers. I previously quarreled that summer with Lord Rothermere because he saw this uming and he publicly demanded that I should adopt the Conservative policy and should not develop anti-semitism. We had correspondence which was published at the time on the subject, and my first initial attack on the Jews was October 1934. I had then never men in Germany except once when accompanying Mr Ramsay MacDonald in the spring of 1929, when I heard a funny man called Hitler had started a funny movement. I did not meet him.

\ ou would appreciate that a policy of hostility to the Jews at a time when dews were being oppressed in Germany

MOSLEY: We started in 1932 quite would not be very popular among humane people in this country?

The started in 1932 quite would not be very popular among humane people in this country?

I think that anti-semitism here has the Irish. I had never come across it as grown colossally in the last few years. Do you think the British Union

fomented it? Yes, I think it is partly them, and partly us.

Stop all foreigners coming in, but gradually and humanely get rid of all foreigners who are here. That is to say this country would no

longer be, as it was in the old days, an asylum for the oppressed? Oh, certainly. And those who were here would be

expelled? Gradually. And the Jews would be expelled too?

Quite right. Would they be allowed to take their possessions with them?

Even the "international racketeers" as they are termed? They would be subject, naturally, to inquiry. They would get it like

anybody else. They would come out of that inquiry very badly, would they not? Some, very badly.

And then they would not be allowed to

The attitude of the British Union to the Jewish problem arose, I understand you to say, because they had attacked your meetings and you thereupon gave the problem some consideration? Not only attacked our meetings, but there was also the victimization of our people employed by Jews.

In what sense - in the "sweated" industries?

Blackshirt was dismissed. By that time, 1934, the Jews in this country had seen how their coreligionists were being treated in Germany?

Very likely that was so. And they said, no doubt, "this Fascist Movement in Britain is the same type of movement existing in National Socialist Germany?

You did adopt the Italian uniform, did you not?

No. The coloured shirt? The uniform



actually was I think a mistake. It was an idiosyncracy of my own: it was based on the fencing jacket, a sport of which I was very fond, and the Italian actually was quite different from our uniform but the colour was the same.

Yes. We began with the grey shirt. I did not want to be like any foreign people did not like it, and people wanted the black shirt, which was opposite to the red they were fighting.

May I say, on this question of uniform and what is called dressing up and all the nonsense as they call it, that the basic idea is to put over a new movement in a hurry, to do which you have to adopt completely new ideas. You have an apathetic public who are not prepared to notice anything new, and you have to wake them up and make them sit up. I do not suppose it would be believed for one moment, but I first had the idea of dramatizing politics not in Italy or Germany but in the town of Durham where I used to go every year when I was elected to speak to the Durham Miners' Gaia. Every year a hundred thousand miners, I think, used to march into that town with their bunting and bits of colour, march in formation with as much spectacle as they could possibly manage. It then occurred to me: "Why do these people do that? It has obviously a profound psychological

motive of some sort". The answer was their lives are very dull, the British working class and lower middle class have very dull and drab lives, and I came to the conclusion that one of the reasons why the Labour Party was not succeeding was because they were even duller in their presentation of things than the masses to whom they were appealing. The one thing the masses wanted was dramatic colour, and all these silly things, if you like, which the cinema gives to them. I then decided to dramatize politics, and introduce the marching, the dressing up, the symbolism and all the rest of it.

It is suggested that there is reasonable ground for believing that Italian money came. What do you say with regard to

I say I do not for one moment believe that, and I cannot see why it should be suggested. I have as I told you, divorced myself with very great care from the financial side. At the period in question, in particular this period. we quite obviously had the support of very big capitalists. I had not the least difficulty in raising large sums of money for the New Party.

That is to say there is the possibility that Italian moneys did come to the British Union of which you bave no knowledge?

Obviously it is possible; but I will say this, that I have always throughout given instructions, or at have least given my advice, that no money should ever be accepted except from British subjects, and provided it was given without condition.

Who would know if any money came from Italy? Any collector who had done it, I suppose, who had got it.

But would be be authorized, so to He would not.

Let me deal with it in this way. First of all, you made a good many visits to Italy, did you not?

I made a lot of visits to Italy, beginning with May 1920, and I went to Italy whenever I had an opportunity, and to France still oftener.

Mussolini. . . I can save a lot of were at colossal pains to hide their trouble by saying I met Mussolini at connexion with the movement; in fact least half a dozen times in my life it was a joke among our people the Is I Liked Chinese Music a fake? That's the beginning before the movement lengths these people would go started, and if I went to Italy I would conceal their connexion. always, if it were convenient, see him.

On these visits, did you see Mussolini?

Why was that? Because he was at that time the most interesting man in the world.

speak, to go to Italy to try to obtain

stopped backing us, and the Jewish advertisers. Lyons and those sort of people. He was frightened out of his wits, most of these businessmen were.

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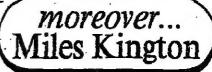
No, certainly not.

Why?

For instance. Lord Nuffield, as was common knowledge in the early days of our party, gave us large sums of Peter Hall Theatre, says impresario money, but he even went so far as to Zinka Rodent. The show tells the story of publish in the Jewish Chronicle that he the 10,000 people who wrote every year was not supporting us occause his cars to the actiess in Paris but never would have been the subject to a answer. The music is by boycott. I do not say that Nuffield Hamburger, who wrote Scott Joplin's That was the first time I ever met supported us afterwards, but these men The Entertainer.

 The article about Andre Pres announced yesterday, will appear a later date.

Starch



e finance of The arts your movement? the foundation of a No, not in any the Mussolini? Was the query general political talk party discussed the whole That mestion with him since the land was founded, certainly I

Did you discuss with form.

bin I do not think there was any ussion on that point when I first

met him, because I think it was before the movement was ever formed.

What is the explanation of the support

of the British Union and its policy of other movements, by Mussolini against Abyssinia, by Hitler against Czechoslovakia and elsewhere?

No. I do not support their movements.

No. I do not think so, certainly not. . .

I do not believe among my cwn supporters there are any at all who

would even sympathize with Germany

in a struggle against this country. Let

alone help her. After all, many of my

Let me put a matter that may at first

sight seem a little irrelevant. You need

not trouble about it if it is, but there

was a period when Lord Rothermere

was giving you large sums of money,

This is in confidence. He was one of

the three people who insisted on

subscribing through me: and Rother-

mere insisted on subscribing through me. One was a stockbroker, and the

other was a Conservative MP whom I

Did they go through the books?

I think you would find them under the

entry of a gift from me. Rothermere

stipulated that the transaction should

be done through me. When he did it

that was the beginning of his relation-

ship with us but whether he later gave

Going through the books, without any knowledge of Lord Rothermere's gift,

nobody would be able to discover from the books that Lord Rothermere had

For reasons, I gathered, which I subsequently found to be true, that his

advertisers threatened to boycott him.

and that was why the Daily Mail

Did they appear in your books?

Would many of your supporters

actively assist Germany?

people are in the forces.

prefer not to mention.

large sums I do not know.

was there not?

Yes. certainly.

& shock horror

*** An enormous furore is building over a portrait of the Queen - commissioned by the Post Office!

Arts Round-Up: Tomorrow's Cultural Headlines Now!

The offending picture of Her Majesty appears on every stamp sold by the Post Office over 100,000 counters up and down the country. It shows her as a young girl with a dress almost off the shoulder, wearing a crown at a rather. jaunty angle.

It's an absolute travesty", says art expert Quentin Portfolio. "We all know that the Queen is in late middle age, with the dignified wrinkles and laugh-lines that that entails. Yet here she is, portrayed by some satirical upstart at the Post Office as a sort of Sloane Ranger off to the Hunt Ball for a spot of I-don't-know-what. I am absolutely horrified. And they've also missed the name of the country of the stamp, now that I look. Whatever next?"

The Palice has weathered the storm by claiming that they have not seen the offending stamp.

Actualy, we frank our outgoing mail here" said a spokesnob, "and incoming mail s taken out of its envelope before we get see it. So I haven't the faintest idea hat you're talking about. But rest assurd if we had something to say on the sbject, we wouldn't say it."

Jean 'ondel, the new smash musical at the Ok National, is soon to move to the We End. That's the news from im esario Zinka Rodent, who is macriminding the transfer of Jean Blidel, the smash hit about the girl from America who toured Europe loang for Richard Gare-de-Lyon.

Thimedia wing of CND has objected sinuously to the screening of Heselune, I horror movie which shows what ald happen if Britain were taken over 12 blond superman with staring eyes. cording to Heseltine, nobody's mind uld be left unscathed by the perience and most of the population ould be left zombies.

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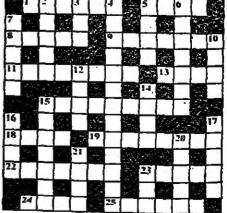
question bothering a lot of people who have read the biography of Harold Holt well-known classical impresario. The book claims that Holt has been in the pay of the Chinese all along to infiltrate Chinese music into the Wigmore Hall. But no Chinese music has ever been played there, say the detractors.
"True", says author Antiphony Grey.

"But you've got to remember that Harold Holt was a damned bad Chinese agent."

Bob Fosse's Transferrin', the red-hot musical about a chorus line that could'nt make it on Broadway, is believed to be going on an out-of-town tour prior to its disappearance. "If you say that in print," says impresario Zinka Rodent, "I'll sue The Times for every penny it's got."

That's all for now, folks. More news about the arts later if there ever is any news about the arts.

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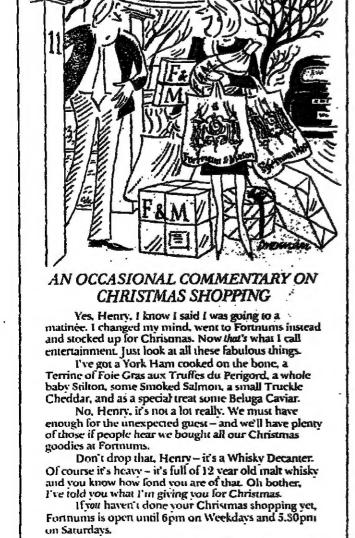


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Recently I read a preview of the final episode of Troy Kennedy Martin's adaptation of Angus Wilson's The Old Men at the Zoo, in which the adapter was rebuked for making what had been implicit in the novel explicit on screen,

There are of course plenty of misconceptions about the job of adapting novels for television. Perfectly intelligent well-read persons can and do assume that you just "do the dialogue". They are often surprised when you say you are equally concerned with what is seen as what is heard. "Oh. I thought the director did the visuals?" they reply. At this point you take a deep breath well, I do - and either change the subject, or else tough it out with a lecture on the mode of the narrative voice; first person versus third tends to switch pretty well everybody off, which is not to say I shall not come back to it.

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Perhaps some prevalent misunderstandings come from the term "adaptation" itself. "Dramatization" is also used but not so widely, though it does describe the job more precisely. Adaptation suggests some-thing akin 10 editorial abridgement (condensed classics) rather than the more muscular business of expressing a novel in dramatic terms. Some novels, of course, lend themselves more readily to the process - clearly Oliver Twist would be easier to dramatize than The Waves.

And that brings me back to Kennedy Martin's previewer who appeared momentarily unaware that the job of the dramatist is always to be explicit. There are no exceptions to this rule. Nor does the explicitness of drama mean it cannot be subtle or imply infinitudes of unexpressed emotion (take Chekhov), but the dramatist achieves such ineffabilities only by way of specific actions, however large or small.

Theatre is the verb, not the adjective, Joan Littlewood used to say, and here we have the crucial difference between novel and drama - a novel is essentially descriptive, a play essentially active. A novel can be actionpacked, but it will still be a chronicle of described people moving in described landscapes. For the



dramatizer those people and land-

scapes will be on view all novels are historical all plays modern.

The novelist can choose to be explicit or implicit. Certain things can salely be left unsaid or merely hinted at, so that the reader's imagination is free to work on deliberately imprecise and therefore evocative information. A dramatist cannot do this - before all else an audience must know what is happenin, on a realistic level. Drama can never be impressionistic for long. Juxtapose images can tease us towards to unexpected action for a minute or so, but then the expected hers already lying on the mar.

must occur even if it is only a letter leing posted through a door to join A perfect example of the evocative ower of implication in the novel dapting uramapst is Heathcliff's hightwell and fervid death at the of Wathering Heights. Here the sic question is: Has Heathcliff sinterred Cathy again? Put like that seems comic and if the question is

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answered in the affirmation and sen dramatized, it could easily become even more so on screen, it that does not mean the dramatic can ignore it. As readers we already how that Heatheliff has opened Calu's coffin once before and made certain cossin once before and made certain sliding panel arrangements with the sexton, so that when he comes to be buried there on the other side of Cathy from her husband Linton he will have easier access to his dead

How a corpse moves across to embrace another is not a question emily Bronte need answer, of course, nor whether on his "nightwalk" Heathcliff checked the coffin arrangements again and embraced the beloved corpse once more. But a dramatist needs to know or at least decide from the evidence available. Did he. didn't he? And if you decide Heathcliff did, do you dramatize his nightwalk? Or if you decide he did not dig Cathy up again, do you pretend the implication is not there in the original when it deliberately and powerfully yet imprecisely is?

BBC1 tonight screens a dramatization of Rex Warner's novel The Aerodrome. Robin Chapman, who wrote the script, here reflects upon the problems of turning book into play

Why the dramatist must always aim to be explicit

Peter Firth in The Aerodrome

Of course Emily Bronte is not in the business of the dramatist's every day country folk realism - she

just as I do when at work on a novel or play of my own; the raw material is just that - raw. At this early stage, opinion can preclude invention.

After this the first consideration is whether the book's spirit is best reflected in a single screenplay or in several episodes. The impact (let

alone the dramatic construction) of a 90-minute screenplay is quite different from a four of six-part serializa-

severy Gay country folk realism – she in the way of returning her characters to the moorland folklore out of hich they sprang; they are to be as the decently mythical in death as they have be easy to dramate and probably exert should be what does a dramatist actually with a more maleable masterpiece. But a large to dramatize a book I have to like it, preferably admire it. The like it is more effectively realized in a single concentrated burst of dramatic fire than in serial form. To serialize it would be to ask an audience to accept the family relationships in the story at a more than the other. For example, the latter a gallery hung with related tapestries.

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warned consideration is the warned collection of the original (I it is a first ballent come to this). If whether it is parrative, I decide intrinsic nature to of the book's Suppose it had not been a narrator. Suppose it had not been a narrator, that one person's point of view, would the events described to their

flavour? An example: John Mortimer rightly decided that in Brideshead Revisited Charles Ryder had to remain as the narrator/author/surrogate Waugh. Transpose the book's events into third person drama, with the camera casting a coldly objective eye, and the subject would dissolve into a miasma of Vogue-ish occasions; Waugh's popish Bunburying is chiefly made palatable by Ryder's tone of voice. I then make a list of all the actions

as they accur in the book. Every single action in order. This listmaking is a rather childish, reductive and informative part of the job.

Absolutely necessary because invariably you cannot include all the actions (dramatic action takes longer to be performed and viewed than its so inevitably there are choices to be made; can we have the fire and the near drowning, or should one of these stand for both?

Apart from selecting the articles

Apart from selecting the actions that you believe best represent the author's intention, you also have to consider the order in which they happen; the sequence in the book may not be that best suited to the screen. Truffaut's dictum, a film should have a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order, always applies,

These preparations are necessary because the dramatist must be in command of his material. He must have experienced and absorbed it so that in writing the screen version he need not refer continually to the original; do that and a jerky precis with odd emphases is likely to result. Overall comprehension leaves the dramatist free to be imaginatively faithful to the original author.

All in all, by virtue of the processes

have described, the dramatist becomes a creative literary critic: he makes a play for the screen out of his selective analysis of the primary material, frequently having to make explicit what was implicit. As we know, a text changes every time it is read; how much more does it change when it is transposed from one medium to another with pictures replacing literature's moral land-scapes?

Television Killing

society

BBC's Panorama set out las night to expose the inad-equacies of the law relating to deaths on the roads, the ambivalent attitude of courts and police to this kind of "social killing", and the "total collusion" between courts and insurance companies to keep compensation low and hard to get. The reporter Margaret Jay and the producer Tom Bower made an alarming convincing job of it.

They examined several cases. talking to those who had killed, relatives of those who had been killed, police and prosecutors Miss Kay's incisive questioning left several hanging on the

The worst case, which quali-fied because of the numbers involved, was that of Ron Bolton who, he said, had fallen askeep at the wheel. His 32-ton lorry ploughed into a stationary mini-bus on the M6 and wiped out a family of seven Asians.

He was fined £250 for careless driving and £325 for altering his tachograph, and disqualified from driving for a year. He altered the tachograph to conceal a stop in Birmingham to see his girlfriend. Police, admitted Supt Waring, of the Greater Manchester force, who was in charge of the investigation, had not interviewed the girl to examine whether Mr Bolton's sleepiness was culpable. She had not been regarded as a material witness.

Supt Waring spoke of the difficulty of producing evidence which would have been required for a more serious charge. It was necessary, he said, to prove that a driver took a risk knowing what the end-product of it would be. Arnold Singer, chairman of the Wigan bench, who heard the case, conceded that he had been "a little surprised that the lesser charge was brought" Mr Bolton - who, it was said,

had no intention of paying the fine, though he volunteered that he had received pound notes as well as congratulations from members of the National Front - said it was "just the kind of thing that happens". He subserecently described himself as a man who did not "give a dainn for anybody".

ama, as it were, out of church , for once.

Dennis Hackett

Galleries A message of entranced delight

Variety is always the spice of particul interest, and a won-life in Cork Street, and seldom derfully haracteristic Balthus you have seen his works, like more than at this time of year, when London's commercial gallerics, even the grandest, hope against hope that the Christmas spirit will descend like a benison and people will buy paintings, if not for

themselves, at least for one another. There is of course, as they say, no obligation to purchase, so whether your taste in Christmas presents runs to enormous canvases by Julian Schnabel at over £30,000 apiece or to tiny watercolours around the £35-50 mark, or wether you just like to look, a little ramble along Cork Street should be well worth your while - especially since it boasts at the moment two completely new galleries for You might start with Browse

and Darby, who have a wholly begiling show of paintings by James Reeve (until December 21), including exquisitedly detailed oils of a Somerset farmyard, watercolours of eastem scenes and some beautifully finished studies of seashalls on a beach. Whatever the medium, the message is one of tranced delight in the world about us. Next door, at the Redfern, is an in general lightweight but highly enjoyable show of Prints and Literature (until December 31), which ranges confidently from Barnett Freeman's lithographs for Jane Eire to Picasso's atchings for Ovid. Some of the pieces are very familiar, and some very rare, but all-in-all they make a cheery assemblage. Cross the road to the Piccadilly Gallery, and you will find an equally varied Christmas Exhi- as the violent bition with some lovely Sym-bolist and Art Nouveau draw-role of woman ings, a couple by the improb-ably named Uriel Birnbaum of world. Kiff ma

drawing a girl preparing for a point you might as

well cri back to the Robert Fraser di Mayor Galleries, which ie between them an extension of Dali Drawings fro the Edward James Collectionniil December 21). James vone of Dali's prime patrons the Thirties, and notoriou had the pick of his producti so it is not surprising theyen for those, like myself, v cannot quite take pped with muleveryone - find better in his paintings. tiple crui And son nings, like the visionary Puit imaginaire de Lauréam haunt one the back of the Mayor Garage recent are recent collages by oland Penrose, funny and m ious by turns.

Strongly tation, of his to represenweird kind, is Ken Kiff, was showing in Cork Street a Nicola Jacobs Gallery (uni What he repri or sometime cember 23). is a dream nightmare – devising, in world of his which dwarfs monsters of all kinds p ite, though sometimes the moments of beatitude t out. A number brilliantly coloured new s, as wel charcoal ect on the threaten-

you have seen his works, like them or not, you are never likely to forget them or confuse them with anyone else's. The Waddington Galleries are difficult to fit into a neat

itinerary of Cork Street because by now they seem about ready to take over; as well as numbers 2. 4 and 31, they have recently acquired 11, one of the new spaces I mentioned, surprisingly big and eminently suitable for the showing of the sort of large painting people will paint these myself, y cannot quite take days. Just as well, since along Dali, and rainly cannot take with Mick Moon paintings at 4 him serior, the evidences are intermitted impressive. He certainly a cunning way with a peria pencil, and some of his morabbed fantasies — bel told me a little while ago and decided promise for the future. The stated intention of the gallery is to find new talents but also to seek out admirable artists of senior generations who have somehow slipped from Atlantic: no "Made in Britain" showing in Britain, as no one in Britain could afford him. Perhaps he has changed his mind, and indeed most of the paintings in this show seem already to be sold. He has certainly changed his style a bit: no more the encrustations of broken pottery in paint inches deep. Instead we have a development from the simple drawings (very large-scale) which he has been doing of late, by the addition of more or less arbitrary flows of translucent paint and splodges of thicker colour which have the modish advantage of suggesting the current American revival of interest in the procedures of Abstract Expressionism without being totally subservient to it. In spite of his success, Schnabel seems to be a gifted painter of whom more may reasonably be

> Finally, the other new gallery, the Odette Gilbert at number 5. This has for its opening show an

expected.



Intermittently impressive: detail from Dali's Naissance de l'ameublement paranolaque

anthology of Twentieth-Century' British Artists which holds out public consciousness, whether because of fashionable conciderations, the demands of teaching or personal problems of some kind. Any or all of these reasons might go to explain why we are not so aware as we might be of Kenneth Rowntree, representedby some crisp and elegant landscapes, or George Hooper, who appears on this evidence to have just moved into a period of dazzling Fauve colours, or Alfred Whiteley, whose large painting The Cora Necikace, somewhere between Spencer and Balthus (if you can imagine it), is perhaps the most striking single thing in the show, Among the newcomers Alan Lambirth, last year's Royal Academy Gold Medallist, seems like someone to look out for. As for the gallery itself, one can only wish it well, these hard times, and suggest you continue to watch this space.

John Russell Taylor

Imagination Hammersmith Odeon

The first surprise was the discovery that, although the members of Imagination may have black skins, they are not what is crudely known in the trade as a "black act": their audience was solidly pink and white, with an average age of about 17 and a preponderance of shrill girls whose attention, it became apparent, was fixed as firmly on the cut of Lece John's satin shorts as on the easy sensuality of the songs - such as "Body Talk", "Just an Illusion" and "In the Heat of the Night" that have kept the trio in the pop charts of Britain and

tag peeps out above the collar. Indeed, the clever layering of

Pop music

electronic keyboards devised "Body Talk" and "Music and their producers. Tony Swaine "lights" were what most of us suggestive of the sophisticated discotheques of Continental Europe; perhaps that explains disappoint bass, they did not why they are Caroline of the supposition of why they are Caroline of Monaco's favourite group and why they do not find similar acceptance among young Brit-In any event, their show turned out to be rather impress-

ive. A reputation for campness and silly costumes proved only partly justified: the preening was consistently pricked by a self-eware humour, and the threads could not disguise either their highly developed musi-cianship (their drummer must surely be the first to have perfected a mimesis of the hard crash and machine-gun rattle of the fashionable the fashionable percussion sythesizers) or their ability to keyboard texture and a fragment of lyric evoke a mood.

Hines's floor-shaking floor-shaking bass, they did not disappoint a broader range was suggested in everal songs, such fused the brisk of Love", which fused the brisk of attack of Chie with the Police sanitized (from their current LP, Scondolows) indicated that they the ous) indicated that they the now be running out of comme cial hooks. More postively, one was left

with impressions of the versatility of Ashley Ingram, who
performed well on electric
piano, guitar and bass, of the
surprising vocal flexibility of
Leee John, and of the scarcely
credible physical dexterity of
the four young body-popping
dancers whose routines were
memorably showcased during
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Richard Williams

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and his crack ensemble from Paris arrived to prove to encouraging and enthusiastic audiences that it is perfectly possible to enjoy Webern, and very nearly possible to perform him. Scores so attenuated and finely tuned will always seem a little degraded when turned into the rude stuff of sound, but Boulez knows from the experience of a quarter-century how concerts, during the to make Webern's music spring which she took on all to rhythmic life, and in his songs for voice ar Ensemble InterContemporain ensemble. One wor he has players who can not only bring individual rarity and intensity to so many tiny phrases but also work together breathing those phrases into larger patterns.

Most spectacular, because

most unexpected, was their pair of little Rilke songs success with the Concerto for one to his own word nonet, which normally sounds like a game of three-dimensional chess. On Sunday it was still openly of his grief at the a game, but one with more of his mother, the grief t

important issues the than mere pattern: there wit, playfulness and comostal-gia and desperation filling across the musi surfaces. By

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both the ensemble's which she took on all have to be both a Brun a Melisande to do just lot, but Miss Bryn-Jul is more the Melisande, has the technique of si

expressed more obliquely in very much of his music. Of the later songs, one ought to feel more the splinters of glass in the penitential Five Canons with clarinets, but Miss Bryn-Julson's soft, intimate, wholly unworrid naturalness in the wildly difficult. Op 18 group rightly made them into a sweet hymn to the Virgin.

Grief and piety: possibly these are things too personal for festivals, too touching to be experienced again and again as work follows work. But Webern is finding his public.

Paul Griffiths

Debuts

The Greek pianist Aleka Simeonidou laboured under severely disabling conditions in her recital at St James's Church in Piccadilly. For one thing, the acoustic is hopelessly resonant, blurring every musical detail. Worse, the resident piano sounds as though it has suffered all the torments of the average school hall instrument. It was not in tune, and possessed no perceivable subtlety or richness of colour. The tiny audience did nothing to help the atmosphere ither. One might have been orgiven for thinking that one ad stumbled across the funeral a recluse.

Under these trying circumnces, Miss Simeonidou ayed gamely. She was most cessful in Beethoven's Piano nata in C minor. Op 111, naging in the Arietta to keep theme well to the fore, ever complex Beethoven's

variations became. Her relaxed approach lent this most intense which it had time both to dwell and to affect. And certainly it was not her fault if the opening movement lacked the power and the stress it normally ooze involuntarily, If Cesar Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue was a more fitting work for these circum-

stances, Schubert's A major Sonata, D 959, was a serious casualty of them. Any rubato that Miss Simeonidou risked immediately destroyed momentum; only a sforzando on the first beat of each bar could possibly have kept it up. As it was, the poetry that Miss Simeonidou so obviously felt simply disintegrated into a general mumbling. Nevertheless, she battled bravely on and did enough to make one look forward to hearing her in happier circumstances.
In Brahms's two songs with

viola, the mezzo-soprano Margaret Davies sang without enough urgency or variety of colour, although from the beginning the innate richness of her voice was quite evident. She was a rather aloof mother in the second song, "Geistliches Wie-genlied", and a similar attitude seemed to pervade a rather dark assemblage of Richard Strauss settings. There were occasional moments when her sense of pitch could have been more secure, especially at loud climaxes, but in all, despite these reservations, these were readings which hinted at some distinguished lieder singing to

Stephen Pettitt

Concerts

Barbican Midway through the Olivetti Webern Cycle, Pierre Boulez

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Kuwait has served only to deeper western concern over the latest weapon in the arsenal of terrorism.

the kamikaze bomb truck.

By gruel irony the reverberations rocked the tiny Gulf state just after President Reagan himself had warned the West of a force of 1,000 suicide killers which has been assembled in the Middle East.

American intelligence reports suggest that the suicide squads, recruited principally among Iranian

extremists, have the American, British, Italian and French contingents of the Beirut peacekeeping force most clearly as their targets.

It: is not beyond the bounds of possibility, however, that they could carry the campaign not only to the embassies and consulates of the four

countries in the Middle East but to

dumper, trucks. According to one report, surface-to-air missiles are being installed nearby to protect Mr Reagan against any attack from the

The provision of a specific air defence screen for the White House has been the subject of speculation since 1974, when a stolen army

helicopter landed on the lawn. The

missiles referred to are probably the

shoulder-fired Red-eye or Stinger, American counterparts to the

Scotland Yard refuses, as always,

to discuss counter-terrorist measures

in London. It points out only that senior officers keep closely in touch

with developments in terrorist tactics throughout the world. But the

mere threat of kamikaze attacks presents the most alarming problem so far to our anti-terrorist forces.

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By-the-way election

After the unruly goings on last week at a meeting of Brent Council, Neil Kinnock condemned the local rent-a-mob but also said: "My personal view is that if individuals have not view is that if individuals have not sufficient sense of honour to put themselves before the electorate when they change their party allegiance, consideration must be given to introducing legislation which would make fresh elections mandatory." It is thought that he was referring to Mrs Ambrozine Neil who switched from Labour to Conservative in Brent and not to Conservative in Brent, and not to Mr. Gordon Ley, who formally rejoined the Labour group on Lambeth Council two weeks ago. Mr. Ley stood as an SDP candidate in 1982, after defecting from Labour. His return to the fold is unlikely to be marked by a by-election,

Never-never

The Bangkok branch of Chartered Bank is missing £3m - but has jurned down an offer by an absconding clerk to return it. The clerk sent a telegram promising to pay it back in monthly instalments of £3,000 - interest-free. The bank pins its hopes of getting most of it back in one lump sum via Interpol.



• In case you were unclear as to whose birthday Christmas is supposed to celebrate, Robert Maxwell's greetings card this year shows his home, Headington Hill Hall, against a firework-filled sky and the lit-up legend, "Happy birthday Bob". Mr Naxwell turned 60 on June 10.

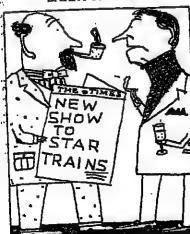
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The best thing that can happen to just about anywhere is to be designated a freeport. Thus labelled, uesignated a freeport. Thus labelled,
town can buy goods, turn them
into something completely different,
export them again and not pay any
duty. Nor surprisingly, the Government has received 45 applications. from areas wishing to become freeports, and will decide in January which are to be among the lucky four or five chosen. In Scotland, competition is fierce between Prestwick and Aberdeen. Prestwick has waged a year-long campaign, but Aberdeen is coming up fast on the outside. Its promoters are giving 15 influential MPs breakfast at Burke's Club tomorrow and, to make the occasion a whole lot cushier, is ferrying them there and back in a fleet of taxis.

BARRY FANTONI



"Let's hope it opens on time"

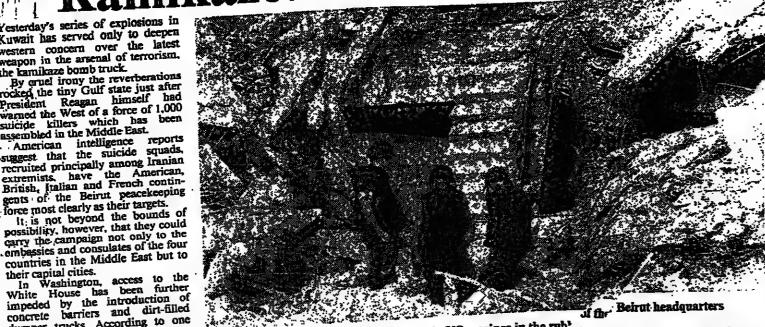
Loose talk

It must be something to do with the time of year, all these examples of slightly slurred language landed on my desk on the same morning. From the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn: "The first Mass of Sunday is held each Saturday of the Dining Term at 6.00 pm". From Royal Shakespeare Restaurants: "This Company does not impose a SERVICE CHARGE as such; however the labour cost element is based at 15 per cent". From Safety based at 15 per cent". From Safety and Fire News: "In this subsection, "the relevant building in the case of a building means that building, and, in the case of a matter connected with a building, means the building with which the matter is connected. And from a firm of solicitors in "Kent "These offices will be closed from midday on Friday December 23 1983 until 9 am on Tuesday January 3 1984. In emergency matrimonial children and criminal matters telephone -. In case of death

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Henry Stanhope puts the Kuwait bombings in a world perspective

Kamikaze: is London at risk?



After the October 23 kamikaze bomb, US marines in the rub'

Beirut on October 23 that alerted western security experts to the devastating effect of a truck, piled high with explosives, driven at speed through outer defences by men

willing to die in the attack. Precautions against the threat have been taken by a number of forces since then, conspicuously by the Israelis in southern Lebanon. Most of their bases there have now completely disappeared from view behind 20-ft walls of earth.

The Israelis have spent huring of man-hours trying to de deed, most fail-safe schemes this own attacks which, it is a least one could occur within discovered national bounds

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build up momentum. Searchlights, barbed wire and sandbags, together with the construction of additional watchtowers, give the Israeli units the appearance of an army under siege.

Israeli experts say that the kamikaze attack at Tyre, which followed those against the Americans and French at Beirut, would have resulted in an even higher casualty toll than 61 had not the driver been shot and the truck

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reduce the risk of casualties.

US officials see the Rangoon bombing which killed several South Korean ministers as another example of the latest wave of international terrorism. Great attention is therefore being paid to the protection of US missions abroad many of them housed in buildings constructed long before architects had to consider stringent security

In Beirut, the American and French contingents in the multinational force have been daily improving their defences. Even as the American embassy in Kuwait was being devastated, US marines at Beirut airport were shoring up their new underground shelters, con-structed out of long-abandoned Soviet container trucks.

Warnings of fresh attacks reach the French and American troops almost daily, sometimes passed on by their own embassies elsewhere in the Arab world and sometimes coming from the Lebanese Deuxieme Bureau.

But despite a conviction by the

easan administration that Iran and Syria are deeply implicated in planning such attacks, the CIA in Beirut has not been able to identify the enemy very precisely. Moreover, the evacuation of the PLO last year robbed the Americans of much of their intelligence about the Beirut

underworld. The US marines have moved their combat headquarters - to the western side of an airport runway that lies along the sea coast - in an attempt to avert further attacks. The airport road which runs to the east of the marines' perimeter has had concrete blocks placed along one carriageway, reinforced by earthen barricades, barbed wire and bunkers. A 20ft steel gate is being installed at one end of the compound and a track leads from it between earth embankments and past concrete

bunkers to a second gate.

Even so, a US television crew entered the compound through a little-known entrance several days ago and went completely unchal-lenged until inside the base.

Earthworks have been thrown up outside the French paratroopers' base, with checkpoints from which approaching cars are covered with anti-tank weapons.

Outside the British embassy, which now houses the office of the US ambassador, whose embassy was bombed in April. US marines prevent civilian traffic from passing and even turn back Lebanese army personnel. If they do not know their enemy they at least realize that their enemy could lie among their friends.

Roger Scruton For horrific just read nasty

Having of particularly qualified to After sement upon it. I am one of pas who has the habit of passing tigment, so as to know in advance aich experiences I would rather not have. Nor am I alone. Shocking though it may seem to the enlightened, there are millions of people who, on no first-hand evidence whatsoever, have decided never to see a video nasty. Indeed. these ignorant and prejudiced people may even be in the majority; at least

The Day After is, by report, a particularly disgusting video nasty, larded with the moralizing cant that one must expect from people who let their thoughts dwell upon the image of human suffering. That it should have been banned goes without saying. There is no more excuse for displaying a realistic picture of nuclear catastrophe than for displaying a realistic picture of a pregnant woman being cut up with a chain saw, or a live child being slowly disembowelled by hungry cannibals. Those who have no ability to imagine such things when required (and we must imagine the effects of nuclear war if we are to make wise political decisions about it), have no

political decisions about it), have no imagination. And nothing is more dangerous than to provoke mass hysteria in the literal-ninded.

There is nothing human — not even death itself — that cannot be taken too scriously, and a person without imagination can take anything too scriously. His emotions, once deflected from the realities of daily existence, are out of his control, for imagination alone could permit him to control term.

Where imagination is dead important the service of Where imagination is dead imagine), fantasy triumphs, Fartasy consists in a morbid fascination with unrealities, which secretly tansforms itself into a desire to nake them real. Imagination is a form of intellectual control, which preents us with the image of unrealities in order that we should understant and feel distanced from them In imagination we dominate; in fatasy

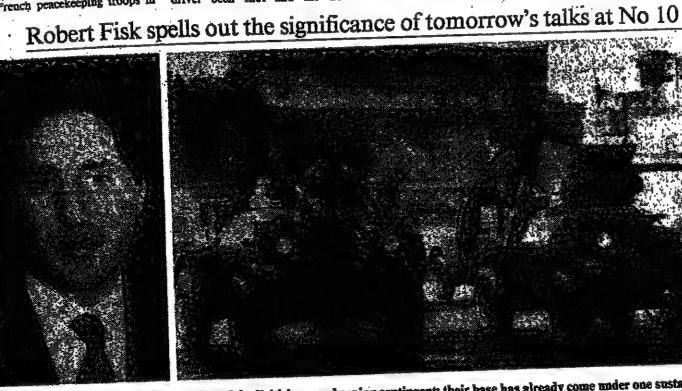
we are dominated. Anyone who wishes to knowwhat pornography is - and The Da After is of course pornography – out to study the distinction. When James takes his reader through the meries of hell, what he describes is worse than any nuclear holocau. He describes a world without hpe, a world of ceaseless tormen unrelieved by unconciousness or cath, a. world (and this is worst if all) denied the redeeming gift i love. But Dante does not invit us to fantasize, to dwell morbidly 1 these images with the lustful hung of the masochist. He invites us tonagine the torments of hell, id, in imagining to distance reselves from what we read. We not work to extract his meaning ad the imaginary object which wascover through his verses excit in us feelings which, however owerful, are only imaginary. We main in control of ourselves, andthough we are moved, it is with alm and

collected emotion, whose main ingredient is compassionate understanding. What is most horrible in Dante's hell is not stated, but implied, and presented to us through a veil of artistic conventions which serve constantly to remind us that we look upon these scenes from a point of view outside them.

Even Goya, in his engravings of the horrors of war, subjects his images to a discipline that neutralizes the morbid passions of the merely curious. His powerful lines and contrasts, and his psychological intensity, transform everything that he pictures. A butchered body ceases to be a disgusting relic and becomes instead a symbol of man's hatred of himself. You cannot appreciate Goya's meaning without also stepping back from it. That is why you can live happily with these engrav-ings hanging beside you on the wall.

Every critic, and every true artist, knows why, in the Greek tragedy, the actor wears a mask, and the horrible events take place off stage. These devices are designed to stimulate the imagination, by destroying fantasy, which is its greatest enemy and rival. Works of imagination say to us: this is not true, but it concerns you, so understand. Works of fantasy say: this is real, real, and you are in it whether or not you understand. The video nasty employs no conventions comparable to those of the Greek stage. Its pornographic quality consists in its utter dedication to the realistic portrayal of scenes which prey upon our morbid emotions, and acquire a horrible power over us. Those things which most overwhelm us in reality - sex and violence - are the natural subject of fantasy. People in the grip of sexual and violent fantasies are people who have lost control of the centre of their experience. Such people are dangerous to themselves, and dangerous to those around them. That is why pornography— which is the deliberate stimulation of fantasy - is evil, and why it should not be permitted.

It is hard, in a liberal democracy, to persuade people of truths which condemn the guilty pleasures of millions, and which imply that a government is failing in its duty by not exerting strong powers of censorship. But a liberal democracy will not last long when its subjects are prey to violent emotions which they can neither understand nor control. And even if it could last in these circumstances, it would not be worth it. The question raised by The Day After is the question of human happiness. What is the value of liberal democracy, if the cost of living in it is that we surrender our brief lives to morbid terror? We are not here for long, and there may be no other world to which we are proceeding. And because we are weak, would it not be better to be protected from those grim temptations which threaten the little happiness that we may have



President Gemayel: hoping for

Men of the British peace-keeping contingent: their base has already come under one sustained attack by Muslim militiamen; now there are fears that heavy casualties are only a matter of time

If the Lancers go, so might Gemayel

Just over the horizon from Beirut, HMS Fearless rides out the fierce winter storms of the eastern Mediterranean. Officially, she is cruising off the Lebanese coast as a support ship for the tiny British contingent to the multinational force, the 97 men of the 16th/5th Lancers who are living in a derelict factory in the city's southern

suburbs. In reality, Fearless is there to evacuate the British if the going gets rough: which is one reason why President Gemayel of Lebanon fless. to London today for an appointment

with Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Gemayel is not told all that goes on in his broken country but he has been fully informed about the attack on the British headquarters at attack on the British headquarters at Hadeth on December 2. According to the Ministry of Defence in London, the British were caught in crossfire, innocent bystanders in factional fighting that spread from the slums to the south and west of their vulnerable position. But Mr Gemayel has learnt that the ministry statement was untrue, that in fact statement was untrue, that in fact they were the victims of a deliberate and sustained attack by Shia Muslim militiamen. The first target the gunnen hit was the British radio centre, cutting radio contact with

Mrs Thatcher is now deeply concerned about the lives of the soldiers she sent to Lebanon. She should be Officers in other continuous gents, particularly the Americans, believe it is only a matter of time before the British suffer serious casualties.

President Reagan's decision to commit the name of the multi-

national force to the American air attacks on the Syrians just over a week ago - with scarcely any prior consultation with either the other contingents or with the Lebanese authorities - finally destroyed the neutrality of the international army in the eyes of many Lebanese Muslims.

But long before Mr Reagan announced his cooperation agree-ment with Israel or ordered the air raids, Mr Denis Healey was warning that the British "should join in one last effort to open America's eyes to the appalling dangers it is running and seek a settlement which is fair to the Muslim majority in Lebanon; and we should make clear, here and now, that if that fails, we are out -

It is because of Mr Healey's constant criticism that President Gemayel has specifically asked to see him tomorrow as well as the Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader. He fears, as well he might, that if the British do find some reason to depart — a new ceasefire, for example, or some preposterously optimistic statement from Washington - that the multinational force will fall apart, taking his government

President Gemayel will not expect to be asked if his country is worth the risk to British lives — whether, indeed, it is worth saving — for an extremely generous measure of incredulity is, now necessary in any serious discussion about Lebanon.

When Mrs Thatcher meets Presiwhen Mrs Thatcher meets President Gemayel tomorrow, she will have to forget temporarily that he controls just five square miles of his country, a strip of his capital that would stretch only from Shoreditch to the Palace of Westminister, and pretend that Lebanon is still a country. Mr Gemayel will be treated as an honoured guest, even though he came to power in the wreckage of Israel's policy in Lebanon, a policy that originally aimed to place his ruthless brother Bashir in power and which has helped to set up to half of President Gemayel's people against

Mr Gemayel himself is an eminently nice man. He is shy, unsure of his English, and tries to say what he means. He really does believe in the concept of a united

Lebanon free of foreign armies. But Mrs Thatcher is likely to treat his visit with considerable caution. For a start, Mr Gemayel's own

domestic position needs to be carefully examined. When he sees Mrs Thatcher - and if he meets any journalists tomorrow – there are certain questions he will not wish to hear. Why, for example, has his government imposed an 8 pm curfew on the half-million people living in the western, largely Muslim, sector of Beirut while the Christian population of East Beirut can move around freely 24 hours a

Why does Mr Gemayel continue to employ Mr Zahi Boustani, a senior member of the Christian Phalange politburo, as head of the Lebanese Sureté Generale? Why is it Lebanese Surete Generale? Why is it that the Phalangist militias, in their own military trucks and carrying their own automatic rifles, are permitted to drive freely through East Beirut while equally illegal Muslim milities sick asset or aware. Muslim militias risk arrest or even death if they move around in West Beirut outside the area they still control at Bouri al-Barajneh?

In September, when Lebanon's third civil war started, Lebanese third civil war started, Lebanese government troops and Phalangist militiamen sometimes positioned their guns only a few hundred yards from each other and jointly fired at the Druze militia. Mr Gemayel was a senior Phalangist official until he assumed the presidency. Has this anything to do with the strange state of affairs in Beirut?

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of affairs in Beirut?

This is not to argue that Muslim militias should be permitted on the streets of Beirut or that the Lebanese army is intrinsically biased. The army has in fact held together remarkably well these past six months. But Mr Gemayel's government is supposed to control the army, and these are important questions when British lives are placed on the line to prop up the supposed impartiality of Mr supposed impartiality of Mr

Gemayer's administration.

The whole matter is thrown into

far darker relief, however, by Mr Reagan's actions. Having declared that his marines were neutral, he has now allied his country with Israel in a way he has never done before, thus forfeiting the marines' credibility and probably some of their lives as well. In Washington, Mr Reagan's men talk of Syria as the stumbling block to peace in Lebanon, whereas many Lebanese, including some Phalangists, believe that Israel should be included.

Attacks on the marines - which may have been encouraged by the Syrians and might even have been arranged by them - provoked the president into a politically disastrous air raid on Syrian ground troops which prompted Damascus to strengthen its relationship with

Mr Rengan's new alliance with Israel might make sense if the Israelis were showing some sort of military or political success in Lebanon. But their Lebanese adventure has proved almost worthless and they are now deep in another catastrophe south of the Awali River, having alienated many of the local Shia population and set up their own militia gangs on the roads, just as the Syrians have done in

The Israeli defence minister speaks of Lebanon as "a nest of murderers", ignoring the fact that Israel, like Syria, has helped to arm many of these murderers, particu-larly those who carried out the Sabra and Chatila massacres last year.

Lebanon is heading towards far graver tragedies, and even Mr Gemayel probably knows that. Mrs Thatcher will have been told the same by her own advisers. It is a sign of the times that the multinational force, which entered Lebanary of non to ensure the departure of foreign armies, now finds itself more anxious to guarantee its own early evacuation than that of the Syrians

Iark Goyder

Taking concern into th: classroom

The scene is an anci Cambridge oliege; the actors allen of about 30; the occasion a mion for the class of '71. Embened by the munificence of the lege we seek out friendly faces I assess how their owners have clear.

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Most of the m have not so much changed as sed. There are exceptions: up con a six-cylinder accountant who we to know what I carn. And I rember him sitting cross legged on thoor, a vaguely Buddhist philosor.
While individu career choices

yield surprises, hever, the aggregate is all too pretable. Banking, Whitehall, accouncy, the Barthat appears be the Tinker Tailor" for the bridge man of the early 1970s. It is a depressing lies.

The more eled the profession in its standinend rewards, the further it to one from the problems of e day life. We give the highest us to those jobs which make ople the sophisticated, specied servants of a complex mme. The skill in mastermindi the sale of company's share valued far more than the sknyolved in training and inspiring tachnical expenses. and inspiring technical apprentices on whabilities depend the company's re-performance.

Considerat the problem that confronts a high-status pro-fessional barrister in chambers offers expedvice to his clients, is guided bell-defined rules and precedente may have a strong personaliut what he needs is an intimate wledge of his discipline and an ty to articulate it. The factory are wracked between irate curers; adverse cash flow and a dralized workforce, needs all hisxtbook knowledge, of course; what he needs far more is the my of leadership that will enables to inspire new efforts from bund him.

Sir hael Edwardes is rightly admibecause he succeeded in mobig all those around him to murand" British Leyland. But what ondered, would any of my contraries be "turning round" in w years' time? They are app their skills to minute subions of a complex departmearrying out the minister's poapplying the law as it stands to clients' best advantage. But fe them will stand aside and que the usefulness of the si they serve.

tax system is crying out for With honourable excep-

absurdity of the system will be the accountants who service it. The professions we value most are those which most disable their members from contributing to necessary change. At my Cambridge reunion I spoke to a civil servant who had a superb understanding of the Com-mon Agricultural Policy. When I asked him how it might be reformed he answered that the other EEC countries would never allow us to reform it: clearly his masters had not insisted that he must find a way, and then set him to work.

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Blinkered professionalism is the product of our distorted valuation of knowledge. From secondary school onwards, we treat knowledge as a commodity which is required to pass exams. And exam grades are used as commodities to advance individual careers. We fail to treat knowledge as a bank from which we borrow in order to return more rounded people or a better community.

There will always be top pro-fessions and we should not under-value the skills they entail. We should at least ensure that tomorrow's professionals have been so educated that they never entirely forget the wider society they exist to

A-level-hungry headmasters used to be wary of community service or Outward Bound schemes that took their pupils from their books to the Gorbals or the Cairngorms. But those pupils who participated learnt more about themselves and the world around them than they would from any classroom programme of social education.

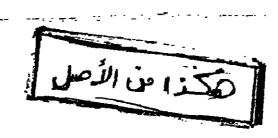
University technologists whose courses have included opportunities to design aids for the handicapped discover the rich human rewards in the application of their skills. The civil servants of the future who have worked inside a prison will bring an extra dimension to the Home Office.

Why not insist upon service and experience-broadening modules with the same determination that we insist upon French and English? Why not insist that those who want to take advantage of what univer-

to take advantage of what universities and polytechnics offer show that they have done their bit in the community?

Who knows how many of our brightest and best might be sparked into different career choices by what into different career choices by what they make the process of the control they might see? Britain needs more of them in the front line.

Mark Goyder works in Industry. He is also a trustee of Community Service Volunteers, the national the last people to recognize the young volunteers' agency.



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THE GULF JUGULAR

Yesterday's six explosions in Kuwait are horrifying enough in themselves but the casualties they caused seem, in comparison to those of similar recent events in Lebanon, to have been almost mercifully light. In the circumstances the fact that they happened is less significant than the place where they happened. The primary message intended is clearly that, so long as the United States and France pursue their present policies in the Middle East, their representatives cannot expect to be safe anywhere in the area. The secondary message is that other Arab states beside Lebanon are vulnerable to terrorism and Soviet Union, destabilization if they associate themselves with policies of which the perpetrators disap-prove. A third message, if needed, might be that the West as a whole is vulnerable to events in the Persian Gulf. indced, its interests are much more directly and obviously at stake there than they are in Lebanon.

It is by now generally accepted that the suicide bombings in Lebanon - against the American embassy in Beirut last April, against the American and French contingents of the multinational force in October, and against the Israeli headquarters in Tyre on November 4 – are the work of Shifte extremists, inspired if not directly instigated by revolutionary Iran. A degree of Syrian complicity is widely assumed but not definitely proven.

The attack on the American embassy in Kuwait was a suicide bombing, the other five incidents yesterday apparently not. There is perhaps a crumb of encouragement to be found there in as much as it suggests the supply of candidates for martyrdom is not absolutely unlimited. But one is enough to establish a strong presumption of some connexion between these events and those in Lebanon. On the other hand. in Kuwait the presumption of Syrian involvement is less strong (though there is certainly no reason to rule it out), while the Iranian connexion is much more obvious.

Kuwait needs no reminder of its vulnerability. In 1961 it narrowly, with some British help, escaped being swallowed by Kuwit's police and intelligence worse.

Iraq, which regarded it much as Spain does Gibraltar, China Hongkong, or Guatemala Belize, services. Perhaps friendly powers with experience in dealing with terrorism - Britain in particular Later Iraq renounced its claim to Kuwait proper, but there is still a dispute about the island of Bubyan. Kuwait's rulers retain a sense of existing on sufferance. They have maintained their independence by observing scrupulously correct relations with Iraq, while cultivating as wide as possible a circle of friends so as to be sure of very strong diplomatic support in the event of any renewed Iraqi threat, Alone of the Arab Gulf states (excluding Iraq itself), Kuwait has diplomatic relations with the

The outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran three years ago put Kuwan in an invidious position. to say the least. Kuwait has a land frontier with Iraq but is separated by only twenty miles or so of water from Iran. Prudence and Arab solidarity alike dictated a pro-Iraqi stand, but Kuwait certainly had no interest in becoming a co-belligerent against Iran. Lest she were in danger of forgetting this, occasional Iranian air strikes have been carred out, "by mistake", against her territory. And in addition to this straightforward military threat there is he internal one posed by the resence in Kuwait of a substanal Shiite population, with a ropensity to display pin-ups of Ayatollah Khomeini in its uses and shops.

No one could accuse the waiti authorities of being pervious to this danger. They e been on the watch for any t that Shiite religious feeling urning into disloyalty to the nni) ruling family. Where sun hints have been detected, thee concerned have been princtly either imprisoned or depried. Likewise illegal immirats from Iran, arriving by under cover of darkness, when caught, been propplly sent back. The existencipf an underground, presumablyshiite, capable of mounting pectacular bomb attacks simulaneously in different parts of the city-state, must therefore havecome as a severe shock.

terrorism - Britain in particular - could give some help.

Beyond this, the explosions in Kuwait remind us of the everpresent danger that the Iran-Iraq conflict may spread to the rest of the Gulf. There can be little doubt that the coupling of French with American targets has to do less with the role France is playing in Lebanon than with France's open partisanship on the side of Iraq, as well as her sponsorship of Iranian exile groups. Iran's most immediate fear, well publicised, is that Iraq will use Frenchsupplied weapons to cut off Iran's oil exports through the Gulf (as Iran has long since done to Iraq's). Iran has threatened, should this happen, to see to it that no oil gets out of the Gulf from any source. This could be achieved, presumably, either by using Iranian airpower against oil installations in the Arab Gulf states or by blockading the Strait of Hormuz.

The present relative oil glut has made us a little blase about such threats. Most industrial countries now have considerable reserve stocks of oil, and could no doubt weather a short interruption of Gulf supplies. But if the interruption were complete, and even assuming that non-Gulf producers increased their exports by four million barrels per day to make up part of the loss, it has been calculated there would be a shortfall of 4.8m barrels per day, equivalent to 11 or 12 per cent of present Free World demand - a much higher percentage than in the two previous oil crises of 1973 and 1979. Even if this had happened in 1982, when the oilmarket was much more acutely overstocked than it is now, it would have sent the price of crude up to \$68 per barrel.

The threat posed by Iran is not to be taken lightly. The West has to be ready to meet it militarily if it comes to that. But the military scenario brings new and alarming risks with it. No diplomatic avenue for lowering tension in the area should be neglected. Things are not so bad, particu-One response that is clearly larly in the Gulf, that they calle for is an overhaul of cannot still get a great deal

GIFT HOISE ON THE ROCK

Consultations between HMG and the Gibraltar Government on measures needed to support and sustain the Rock's economy with a closed dockyard and a closed frontier were concluded at in the ercely competitive ship the end of July. They were based upon detailed studies carried out on the spot and in depth by independent consultants funded by Britain. Two broad options emerged: the yard could either be handed over to the Gibraltar Government who would install a commercial operator to manage it; or it could stay under Ministry of Defence management, undertaking commercial work to pay for its retention. Under either option the yard would be available to the Nato navies for emergency repair work. Mrs Thatcher decided on the former for sound political, military and commercial reasons: the Gibraltar Government had hoped for the latter because it was less risky and would be more acceptable to the local unions (the majority of the work force belong to the TGWU). Nevertheless, the Gibraltar Government accepted the conversion package offered by HMG because its terms were both generous and sensible, and

it knew its preferred solution was unacceptable in Whitehall.

The package is generous in that it will cost the British taxpayer more than £50m (Chatham and Portsmouth got nothing); and it is sensible because an Gibraltar Trade Council to generous and current unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar; and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment among construction weers in Gibraltar. Those who a ladvising the construction weers in Gibraltar and it sho be completed just as the extreme unencyment and it sho be completed just as the extreme construction weers in Gibraltar. ing); and it is sensible because an extra year has been allowed for the conversion of the yard, and a three year refit programme of Royal Fleet Auxiliaries is to be provided to help the work force familiarize themselves with commercial work. The £50m is made up of £28m for modification of the yard's facilities and to underwrite losses for the first two years; £14m is for the RFA refit programme; and the rest will be spent on moving defence installations off two valuable sites in the city to help in the system of the Rock's extra year has been allowed for resist commerc zation, and sites in the city to help in the development of the Rock's diversification of

Unacceptable face

Sir, When I retired from my post as

consultant in the NHS, I resolved

not to write to papers, but I am now

impelled to break this decision. I

have been settled in this area for

As a Disraelian Tory, I find it odd

that this Government should have

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From Dr E. Clifford-Jones

years' residence in Devon.

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aided a abetted by the TGWU in Lond, are refusing to accept commer i management and working practices. There are undoubte risks in trying to break int he ship-repair market when we'd shipping is in the doldrums at the Gibraltar yard has a greateal going for it. It is compact at economic to operate; it lies the intersection of the world's orth-south and eastwest shipping lanes and at the entrance the Mediterranean; and its way force is highly skilled any more disciplined than its local ompetitors. Given good managent, a work force determined achieve a competitive edge and naval work to break intehe ship-repair market petitive edge and naval work to cushion the institional period, the risks a not judged by unreasonable. experts to Indeed, the ming could be fortuitously a intageous. Work on conversion the yard should go a long way mopping up the current unem yment among

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economy into other fields, like tourism, which have been closely studied, is impracticable as long as the frontier remains closed to tourists and vehicles. The hard fact is that there is no viable alternative. The five year conversion programme does reduce the risks of commercialization and provides opportunities for the Gibraltarians which would not have been nearly so generous if the frontier had been fully open. They would have been treated no differently from other British naval dockyard towns.

The Gibraltar dockvard package honours Britain's commitment to sustain and support the Rock's economy for as long as Spanish restrictions last. It is the Gibraltarians' right to accept or reject it, but it must be said that much of the support that Gibraltar has always enjoyed on both sides of the House and in the country could evaporate if the package founders upon union intransigence. The Trades Council are making a grave mistake if they are pinning their hopes upon the strategic importance of the yard to Britain and NATO: it is only a desirable and not a militarily vital asset to the West. Spanish and Portuguese yards would be delighted to see a

potential competitor eliminated. Sir Joshua Hassan's Government completes its four year term of office after Christmas. A general election is due between February and May 1984. The sooner the issue is put before the people of Gibraltar the better. The Rock is their home and it is up to them to decide between their Government's acceptance and the unions' rejection of the package. The British Government would, however, be wise to set a time limit on its offer. Some indication of the impatience will be evident today with the announcement of the first steps towards the dockyards closure. The local unions, and the TGWU, cannot say they have not been warned.

have discovered that the overall impression may be summed up with a word in little usage by this present Government: I mean, of course,

compassion. Yours faithfully. E. CLIFFORD-JONES, 25 South Ridge, Brunton Park, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NGA action boost Airbus pointer to future profit to other media

From Mr Derek Nathan

Sir, I have been a devoted reader of The Times for many years and felt very deprived during the recent long period when it was not on sale.

Now, however, I have a television

set equipped with Cecfax and also a video tape recorder (VTR), and somehow the prospect of prolonged action by the NGA does not worry me as much as it used to.

My situation is no doubt mirrored up and down the country, which boasts the highest ownership per head of VTRs in the world. It seems to me that the movement towards electronic information and opinion dissemination will be accelerated greatly should the NGA take national action. The electronic revolution is proceeding at a spanking pace without the additional boost that it would receive from this action.

I have been associated with the print trade for many years and politically I am left of centre. The NGA have my sympathy, but I

think their strategy is disastrous.

Can the NGA leaders be so short sighted as to fail to realise that. whatever the merits of their case, a national strike at this point in the development of the media would knock the final support from under their precarious structure? Yours faithfully, DEREK M. NATHAN,

7 Cromford Way, New Maiden, December 9.

Importance of Delhi

From Dr J. Elsenbein

Sir, General Zia ul-Haq, like Martin King, has long had a dream - to sit down to tea with the Queen and thereby greatly enhance his own personal presuge as well as that of the military government in Pakistan which he heads.

Someone should explain to Messrs Smith et al (December 5) that, far from accelerating a return to democracy there, the readmission of Pakistan to the Commonwealth now would have the effect of setting a sort of seal on its present government and would certainly strengthen it. That may indeed be desirable, but it has nothing to do with democracy.

Messrs Smith et al also con-

veniently forget that it was Bhutto's government, whatever its merits or dements without doubt the most popular and democratic government Pakistan has ever had, which chose voluntarily to leave the Commonwealth in 1973.

As for a plebiscite in Kashmir, that is precisely the issue which resolved Mrs Gandhi in 1981 to let it be known that she would veto any Pakistani application for reaccession to the Commonwealth.

You cannot have it both ways and Mr Smith and his friends must really begin to do some homework. Yours faithfully, J. ELFENBEIN, Churchill College, Cambridge.

MPs in the public eye

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, The article by Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, in today's Times (December 8) on televising the Commons ignores the feelings of many members in the House - quite possibly a majority if a vote was taken in a full House.

The entry of the camera into the Chamber would utterly ruin the atmosphere there. Instead of the cut and thrust of intimate debate members would be conscious that they were speaking to the nation at

Also, as television has to entertain, the cameras would be bound to seize on the dramatic incidents, rather than the ordinary work of every day, and thus give a quite untrue picture of the whole. Members would be tempted to speak more often and at greater length to make sure that their constituents saw they were at work.

ldiosyncracies of manner or dress, male or female, would not go unnoticed. The prima donnas among us would play even more to the gallery. I believe television in the Commons could turn out to be a

It would be quite different with the Lords - the measured tones of their speeches which already come over so well in broadcasting would be enhanced by the splendour and dignity of their Chamber. Furthermore they do not have any constituents to please. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES House of Commons.

Nato's

analysts.

must be judged.

Missile strategy

December 8.

From Mr Christopher Meredith Sir. Mr Brian Crozier's reply (December I) to Mr David Watt's refreshingly realistic article, "The missile strategy that could misfire" (November 18) is mistaken or misleading in several important respects. It is demonstrably untrue that

Soviet SS20s are capable of destroying all Nato targets in one single strike". With an accuracy estimated at 400 to 750 metres (depending on whether it is fired from fully prepared permanent sites or from makeshift sites to which it might be moved in an emergency) the SS20 is in no way a "first strike weapon" capable of destroying Nato missiles in their hardened silos, protected communication and command centres, or other key military targets. In this vital respect it is at least 10 years behind the new American missiles - with accuracies estimated to around 50 metres or better, cruise and Pershing 2 missiles do possess a first strike capability.

From the President of the Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd for reliability and are popular with the travelling public. Together they Sir, Must we catch the Airbus, asks Lord Bruce-Gardyne in The Times last Wednesday (December 7) and then goes on to castigate the whole idea of so doing. The short answer to the question from those of us who want to see Britain's aerospace industry prosper is "Yes".

Britain and France can now challenge the US dominance in the western world. The industry's contribution to the country's balance of trade has been enormous with exports in excess of £20bn over the last decade (at 1980 prices).
The Prime Minister has said "the

importance of the British aerospace industry to our economy cannot be overestimated". She is right. Aerospace is a high technology, high value added, and manpower intensive industry. It is through the exploitation of high technology that Britain's hopes for the future lie.

Developing countries all over the world are rapidly moving into low technology fields to compete with us in our traditional markets. Many countries which, until a few years ago, had no aerospace capability have begun to make rapid headway in this industry.
It is in the high technology sphere

that Britain, France and the United States have established a marked superiority. Surely, Lord Bruce-Gardyne cannot be suggesting that Britain should relinquish the lead which we now share, just when we have the opportunity to build on success and to press our advantage.

The A320 project provides us

with such an opportunity. It bears no comparison to Concorde either in technological difficulty or in expense. The launch costs are spread over a number of years.

Airbus Industrie has produced two fine airliners - the A300 and the smaller A310. These aircraft have established a worldwide reputation

A320 is a challenge which industry is prepared to take and in which we are prepared to invest. We need some Government support to launch the programme, but we are confident that this will ultimately pay a dividend to the taxpayer. Surely we - Government and industry together - must face this challenge.

on the service industries alone?

the travelling public. Together they have challenged the United States

industry's monopoly as the supplier

of large civil aircraft, a monopoly

now increasingly concentrated on

the Boeing Company, which cannot be to the advantage of the airlines or

seat class and smaller than the A300 and A310, is a natural step to broaden the company's product base. Some 4,000 airliners will be

needed between now and 1995; the market should be dominated by

Boeing and Airbus. The latter needs

to sell only some 400 A320 aircraft to break even - this is not an

strong leadership. Britain's stake in Europe's Airbus is important, not

only to British Aerospace PLC, but

also to Rolls-Royce and to many

aerospace equipment companies in the UK whose future - and therefore

their ability to employ people - is

dependent on the programme,
Do we invest in aerospace and

high technology for the future? Or

are we really to abandon our high technological heritage and the ability

it gives us to increase our national

wealth? Must we become dependent

Now is therefore the time for

The A320, an aircraft in the 150-

of the travelling public.

impossible target.

Yours faithfully, PETER BATES, President, The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd., 29 King Street, St James's, SW1.

For example, the Financial Times

reports (December 1) that lack of demand is considered to be the main

constraint on output by 95 per cent

of respondents in a recent CBI

survey. Where substantial unem-

ployment exists, reducing the claums of the private sector through high

taxation merely leads to waste of the

goods and services which could have

been produced; to the condemnation

to the dole queue of the workers willing to produce these goods and to buy them with the incomes

earned; and to the destruction or

forced sale at bargain prices of large

We should be grateful to Mr Congdon for thus laying open to

view the fallacy underlying the

damage to the whole fabric of our society and to our future, through cuts in the health service, university

research and in vital capital projects.

so that our economy may be allowed

to reach its full employment

potential, now greatly increased through the exploitation of our oil

indeed from that of CND about

which you were commenting in your leading article of December 5. It

seems tragic indeed, however, that

the deciding argument you mount

against an armed neutrality "as applied by Sweden and Finland" is the implication that British society

either could or would not undertake

"the total commitment by every

which you rightly say would be

I believe that the British, if offered

this task, would accept it as willingly under modern conditions of "peace"

as they have previously done in war.

Yours faithfully,

Hempton,

Oxford.

Deddington.

December 6.

. W. JOHNSON,

Middle Corner Cottage,

Casting a cold eye

From Mrs Christine Percival

Sir, A propos Mr Levin's article of

citizen to the nation's security

wealth.

Yours faithfully,

Kew, Surrey.

December 7.

CYNTHIA MACCOBY, 115 Mortiake Road,

We need tax cuts immediately in

sections of manufacturing industry

Case for tax cuts

From Mrs Cynthia Maccoby Sir, Tim Congdon argues ("Economic commentary", December 1) that as long as the Government takes 42 per cent of GDP, claims on resources necessary to produce this amount must be removed from the private sector. He believes that if this is not done openly and honestly by taxation it will be done covertly and dishonestly through inflation, since borrowing from the banking system by the Government leads to an increase in the money stock and hence, he alleges, inevitably to an increase in inflation.

This, by reducing the value of assets lent by the private sector to the Government, acts as a hidden tax. The only afternative, he asserts: is to drive up interest rates through sales of Government bonds; so "crowding out" private sector investment

This may be true when the GDP represents the production possibility limit of resources, ie, when there is full employment and all resources are being used, so that Government claims have to be reduced if private sector claims are to be increased. But that GDP at present is at this level is an assumption made by Tim Congdon which he does not attempt to justify, despite the evidence of widespread unemployment of both human beings and machinery at the present time.

Going it alone

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson Sir. Mr Michael Heseltine, in his interview about cruise (feature, December 2), averred that "the important thing is what you do in the event of nuclear blackmail". You have, he believes, to "deter at

any level of threat".

Mr Enoch Powell (article, December 3) writes that Britain has not yet come to terms with the modern facts of geopolitics. He quotes our two "manias", the American and the European, which prevent us from perceiving the world from our own standpoint and not from that of others.

If we put these two reasonable premises together, we should start looking at the world from a purely Brtish standpoint and defending ourselves from the level of threat we then saw. We should quickly discover that there is no perceivable threat to, or likelihood of nuclear blackmail of Britain as a separate entity, independent of the European and American commitments we now undertake.

naturally to consider an orientation of military non-alignment, outside the military confrontation of the two superpowers. Britain, no longer a great world Power, but strongly defended in her own homeland, would then be reasonably safe from involvement in other people's

This standpoint is a long way

December 9, he should have had the nous to repair to a nearby pub, from Such a view would bring us where we were afforded an excellent view of the rest of the audience freezing to death on the pavement for over an hour. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE PERCIVAL, Mayfield, Crown Lane, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire. December 10. of weapons in Europe that it is

about. In the absence of convincing

military need for the missiles, it is

by their political outcome that they

The overriding impetus behind ato's "twin-track" decision was beyond all reason to pile up more (whether in the east or the west) in political rather than military, as is the vain belief that they add to clearly shown by official documents that have become available, such as the 1982 Nato report drafted by security. The political and psychological damage done to Europe, both east and west, by this sorry exercise British MPs Julian Critchley and John Cartwright. Various military "justifications" for cruise and must far outweigh any supposed protection they afford us from Soviet blackmail. Pershing 2, such as those now It is worth remembering that blackmail can operate in both advanced by Mr Crozier, were thought up subsequently and have

failed to convince most independent directions. One result of the new missiles, the Pershing 2s in particu-Nor is it of much avail for Mr lar, has clearly been to increase Crozier to blame the "uproar and Soviet fears (whether justified or otherwise scarcely matters) of a Nato "first strike". Even Mr Crozier destabilization" in Europe, not on the missiles themselves but on "organized agitation and propawould find it hard to argue that ganda against them". As Mr Watt Soviet insecurity increases our cogently pointed out, it is the business of politicians to foresee the outcome of their actions - including, security! Yours sincerely CHRISTOPHER MEREDITH, of course, whatever protests and public alarm these actions may bring

Hon Secretary, Scientists Against Nuclear Arms. 112 Newport Road, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, There is already such a superfluity December 1.

Archive service in uncertainty From Mr H. Speak

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Sir. I would like to add to the letter in your paper on December 6 expressing concern for the future of the Greater London Record Office. as yet undefined in the White Paper Streamlining the Cities.

In West Yorkshire the future of our archive service is less certain. In 1974 many people like myself, with a lifelong interest in local history and the preservation of local records, were pleased when the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council established a county archive service with good conservation facilities to supplement existing services started by some of the former county boroughs.

In 1982, on the intuative of the county council, the West Yorkshire Archive Service was set up. This is a joint service administered by a committee representing the county council and the five district councils.

This service includes large collections of official records relating to the whole of the former West Riding, dating from the early seventeenth century. It also administers the fine collections of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds, many of which are rich in medieval

Yorkshire records Regular users of this service, like myself would like to see this new joint service developed to deal with the large amount of rescue and other archive work waiting to be done in this county. The White Paper proposes that when the metropolitan county councils are abolished in 1986, archive powers will pass to the district councils, who are asked to cooperate to run archive services and see that historic collections are not broken up.

In our joint service in West Yorkshire we have the framework for this cooperation, but without the county council, which now pays for over half the cost of the service and for all development, the district councils may not be able to maintain or develop it. The creation of so many separate joint hoards for other county services, such as police, each with the power to levy a separate rate. is going to increase the cost of these services.

If overall local authority spending is controlled by the Government, as is proposed, this can only mean that other statutory district services, such as education, will suffer. In this context minor services, such as archives, which are now used and valued by a growing number of people, will be very vulnerable. Yours faithfully. H. SPEAK,

483 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield. December 9.

current argument that tax cuts will only-be possible if Government spending is reduced. It is thanks to this fallacy that we are suffering Calke Abbey

From Mr M S. Pearce Sir, It does seem very shortsighted of the Government to persist in declining the generous offer of Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe to give Calke Abbey, and the land which supports it, to the nation.

Twenty years ago Mr Lewis Wallach offered The Grange. Northington, to the nation and it was declined. In 1975 it was taken into guardianship by the Department of the Environment after the contents had been dispersed and the interiors destroyed.

Restoration of the remaining empty shell has just been completed by the department at a cost of some £600,000. Do we never learn? Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PEARCE, Chairman,

Association of Conservation Officers, c/o The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire. December 8.

Church and remarriage

Sir, May we ask why, in all the discussions about the remarriage of divorcees in the Church of England. has not greater consideration been given to granting decrees of nullity

of marriage?

This would bring the Church of England in line with other ancient churches. It would also satisfy the conscience of many faithful clergy and laity. It would be more readily

elaborate ecclesiastical machinery than the present proposals. Yours faithfully, R. D. DAUNTON-FEAR. Norwood, 22 Penwinnick Road, SI Austell,

A matter of title

From Dr Geoffrey Marshall Sir. The Chairman of the Social Science Research Council says (December 9) that readers of *The Times* may like to know that he is going to concentrate on getting on with his job after changing the name of the council. I expect that readers of The Times will be much relieved. But they may well wonder what was stopping him and his colleagues from concentrating on getting on with their jobs without changing the

name of the council.
Since "Economic and Social Research Council" is an obvious solecism, and since there is no reason why the Social Science Research Council (or even the Privy Council) should dictate to social scientists what names or titles we use, let us simply ignore the council's faddish preferences and go on calling it the SSRC. There are more of us than them. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY MARSHALL, The Queen's College, Oxford. December 9.

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From the Venerable Dr R. D. Daunton-Fear

understood and allow for the Church's liturgy to be used. It would not involve more

Cornwall.

December 5.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 12: The Queen, Colonel in Chief, this morning visited the Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and Ist Dragoons) at Combernere Barracks, Windsor and was received upon arrival by the Colonel (General Sir Desmond

Fitzpanick).

Her Majesty later honoured the Commanding Officer (Lieutenaut-Colonel Feremy Smith-Bingham) with her presence at luncheon in the

Officers bees.

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robert
Fellows and Major Hugh Lindsay
were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark

Phillips, and Captain Mark Phillips were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs at the Memorial Service for Dr S. Leonard Simpson which was held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, today. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 12: The Princess Marga-ret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Council of the Royal Warrant Holders Association at Martini Terrace, New Zealand

Mrs Alastair Aird and Major The

A memorial service for Keith Wickenden will be held at noon today at St Margaret's,

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lionel Robinson will be held at St George's Church, Hanover Square, W!, tomorrow at

Birthdays today

The Aga Khan, 47; Lord Alexander of Potterhill, 78; Sir Terence Beckett, 60; the Hon Sir George Bellew, 84; General Arnold Brown (Salvation Army), 70; Lord Bullock. 69; Mr Glen Byam Shaw, 79; Dr Arthur Cooke, 71; Sir John Dean, 84; Mr John Francome, 31; Dr Douglas Lauo, 70; Professor W. H. rea, 79; Mr John Piper, CH, 80; Mr Christopher Plummer. 54; Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 70; Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 70; Sir Humphrey Pridenux, 68; Mr George Schultz, 63; Professor G. D. Sims, 57; Major-General Sir David 50: Sir Laurens van der General Sir Peter

Duke takes another title

Award for the genial aristocrat

The Duke of Bucclesch and Queensberry, frequently de-scribed as Britain's largest landowner, will receive today the Countryside Commission and Country Landowners' Association annual joint award for the landowner who has done most to improve understanding between the urban and rural

A large, relaxed, genial man, the duke has been confined to a elchair since a hunting accident some years ago, but he remains active in public affairs and in charitable work, and time to spend about four months a year in each of bia three country houses. But, in spite of owning nearty

300,000 acres, much of it wild Scottish moorland, he does not fit the image of a hanghty aristocrat. His war service in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve included a year on the lower deck. He read agriculture and forestry at Oxford, where he cultivated a wide range of interests in economics and the arts and, during his 13 years as Conservative MP for Edinburgh, North, showed himself to be man of independent and

Since his accident he has promoted the interests of the disabled, and he is chairman of the Royal Association for

Latest appointments

Mr Bruce Matthews was yesterday appointed managing director of News International plc, owners of The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and the News of the World. He takes over the managing directorship from Mr Rupert Murdoch, who remains chairman and chief executive

Mr Matthews, who is also managing director of News Group Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Clifford Daza, president, and Newspapers, has been a director of News International since 1972. He members of the general council of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors were hosts at a luncheon was deputy managing director from 1977.

Previously, in Australia, Mr Matthews was chairman of the Argus and Australasian Limited and manager of the Melbourne Herold. Other appointments include:

The first woman chairman of board of the General Synod of the Church of England is to be Miss Daphne Wales, who was named yesterday as chairman of the Board for Mission and Unity. She was previously vice-chairman and has been acting chairman since the death of the late Bishop of Guildford, Dr David Brown, in

Captain K. A. Suow, Royal Navy, to be promoted Rear-Admiral on July 3, 1984 and to be Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) Mr Alan McMillan to be Solicitor, Mr Alas McMillan to be Solicitor. December 8, 1983, at the Law Scottish Office, in succession to Mr Society. Sir Hugh Rossi was the David Cunningham, who retires at principal guest. Mr C. E. P. David Cunningham, who retires at principal guest. M. the end of February.

£1,000 Premium Bond prizewinners





The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry and part of the Boughton estate

Disability and Rehabilitation. He strongly defends the concept of hereditary great estates, claiming that they are the best way of ensuring the survival of agricultural ten-

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. Secretary of

yesterday. The guests were:
'The High Commissioner for Malaysia, the
High Commissioner for Strigagore, Mr
Timothy Ruison, MP, Sr John Bargh, Mr
W M Gark, Mr C W Roberts and Mr C E

of the City of London The Lord Mayor and Sir John

Donaldson, accompanied by the Sheriffs, were present at the annual

dinner of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held in Guildhall yesterday. The Master, Mr David J. Eldridge, presided.

The British Italian Law Association

held its annual dinner on Thursday,

British Italian Law Association

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ancies and that they provide. employment for thousands of

people. Today's award, to be presented by Lord Carrington, concerns the management of

Boughton, in Northamptonshire, which at 11,000 acres is the smallest of his three homes. The other two, Drumburig and Bowhill are in the Scottish border country.

was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs at a memorial

lessons. Professor Victor Wynn and Mr Michael Denison gave address-

Miss Penelope Keith, Mr Chris-

topher Biggins, Miss Dulcie Gray and Mr Anthony Andrews, son-in-law, read poems and Miss Moura

Lympany gave a piano selection. Miss Patricia Hodge performed "Burlington Bertie" as a finale.

Among others present were:

Mrs Singson (widow), Mrs Anhorse
Andrews Gaughier), Joseph and Joséph
Andrews Grandictifican), Mr and Mrs J P N
Mengers, Mr and Mrs C Ross, Mr S A Ross,
Mas G Ross, Mr and Mrs A Diacound, Mr
and Mrs Nichts,
Mrs Stabe,

Memorial service The Prime Minister of Denmark and Mrs Schluter were the guests of Dr S. L. Simpson Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips,

and Mrs Schluter were the guests or honour at a gala dinner held yesterday to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Danish Club in London. The Danish Ambassador and Mrs Dahlgaard, Prince Georg of Denmark, Countess Beauchamp and Sir Andrew and Lady Stark were among the principal guests. State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens, yesterday in honour of the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, Mr Allan J. MacEachen. service for Dr S. Leonard Simpson held at St James's Piccadilly, yesterday. The Rev Donald Roeves officiated, assisted by the Very Rev William Baddeley. Mr Douglas Bunn and Mr Leshe Parker read the

The European-Atlantic Group held a dinner at St Ermin's Hotel last night for Mr Walter Goldsmith. Director-General of the Institute of Directors, after a meeting at the House of Commons on European

House of Commons on European Free Trade Reform.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, presided at the meeting, assisted by the Earl of Bessborough, Lord Gladwyn, Lord Layton and Lord Stewart of Fulham, The chairman of the dinner was Lord Layton, president of the group.

Institution of Chemical Engineers
Mr B. F. Street, president and Mrs
Street were hosts at the annual
dinner of the Council of the
Institution of Chemical Engineers
held on Friday, December 9, at
Trinity House, London, by kind
permission of the Deputy Master
and Elder Brethren. The principal
guests were Lord and Lady Kearton
and Sir Austin and Lady Bide. A and Sir Austin and Lady Bide. A certificate of honorary fellowship of the institution was presented to Sir Austin Bide.

Meetings

Royal Over-Seas League The Hon Peter Brooke, Parliamen-tary Under Secretary of State, Department of Education and Science, was guest speaker yesterday evening at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Sens League at Over-Sens House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Royal Astronomical Society
The 1983 George Darwin Lecture
was delivered at the meeting of the
Royal Astronomical Society in
London on Friday, Professor K A Pounds of Leicester University spoke on "Exosat, Rosat and the future of X-ray astronomy".

Chartered Institute of Transport Mr J. A. Harvey, Managing Directo of SPD Ltd. and Mr J. J. O'Brien of SPD Ltd, and Mr J. J. O'Brien, Assistant Chief Executive (Railways) of British Rail, jointly gave the Henry Spurrier Memorial Lecture to the Chartered Institute of Transport last night in London. The president, Mr L. S. Payne, presided, and afterwards entertained the speakers at dinner at J. Sainsbury plc.

Reception

Association

Sir Peter Mills, MP. Deputy
chairman, was host at a reception
held in the CPA (UK Branch)
Rooms. Westminster Hall, yesterday, for Commonwealth High
Commissioners and Agents-General in conjuction with the annual Westminster Hall carol singing attended by the speaker.

At home

Sussex House The headmaster and staff of Sussex House will be at home to all past members of the school on Thursday, December 15, from 6.30-8.30pm.

Cranwell graduation

Air Vice-Marshall J. F. G. Howe, Commandant General Royal Air Force Regiment and Director General of Security (RAF), was the reviewing officer when the following 124 officers of No 72 Initial Officer Training Course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on Thursday.



The prizewinners were:

Sword of merit: Pilot Officer A N

McLaughlin, BSc; Sash of merit:

Acting Pilot Officer R J Glantield.

WRAP: Hennessy Trophy and

Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize:

Flying Officer A P Lewis; British

Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Acting

Pilot Officer C J Oxland.

WRAF: Overseas students prize:

Pilot Officer Salah Al Maamiry.

SOAF. The prizewingers were:

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inglemer Branch Tight Lieulanant C B S Jones: Flying Micros B J Bridge, P A Cross, K R Kilby, A Lewis, T McBries, W J Palmer, K N

Caterpillar fails as a weedkiller

The Cinnabar Moth is best the weed suffers from the known in the form of a striped insect, caterpillar which browses In quietly in large numbers on nibble ragwort plants.

The caterpillar is orange

with black stripes round its pody, and the ragwort is a common weed of fields, gardens and wasteland.

The weed is tough, but the

Some people have been tempted to look on the caterpillars as possible natural weed-killers, but research by lunperial College on regwort But the sets plants growing wild in Ber-those prodi-lishire suggests that the insect year by the needs the weed much more than been eaton.

In fact, the plant can be year and pash up new shoots the next. It can often push up new flowering shoots in the

The researchers began by finding out exactly how feeding The weed is tough, but the caterpillars eat them thoroughly. Research at the Department of Pure and Applied Biology at superial College, London, suggests that relations between these two unwanted garden guests are more complex than they look.

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They found that many of the plants could produce new seed heads even if their first crop had been eaten by caterpiliars. But the needs were smaller than those produced earlier in the year by plants which had not

Why, the researchers wondered, did the uneaten plants produce large seeds if the smaller ones from the caten plants were equally capable of producing a new generation of ragmort?

They hope that experiments will show how and why the plants produce seeds of different sizes and why plants which the caterpillars do not eat fail to produce more and smaller seeds. The researchers from Imperial College have con-tented themselves with noting that in a climate like Britain's the caterpillar cannot be relied on to replace factory-made weedkillers.

When the caterpillars have exten enough weeds, they turn into brightly-coloured moths and fly away. The plent can therefore preduce a new crop of Source: The Journal of Ecologo

OBITUARY GEN SIR NEIL RITCHIE Former 8th Army commander The engagement is announced between Rupert, only son of the late Mr K. B. Atkin and of Mrs C. M.

General Sir Neil Ritchie, GBE KCB, DSO, MC, who died in Canada on December 11. aged 86, will be remembered as the Commander of the 8th Army in the seven months desert campaign of 1941-42, which opened with the defeat of Rommel at Sidi Rezegh, after the supersession of General Sir Man Cunningham, and ended with the loss of Tobruk and the retreat to El Alamein. He will also be remembered by all who knew him for the remarkable professional come-back be made, after the setbacks he suffered in the Middle East, in the subsequent ten years of his

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs John Gillum, of Holwell Manor, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Army career. Joanna daughter of Mr and Mrs. Roger Whitrield, of Standon House, Standon, Staffordshire. Ritchie was a man of strong character and resolute purpose. tall, handsome, vigorous, and of a stundy, imperturbable tem-perament. He was brave, good-The engagement is announced between Phillip Hans Renold, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K. C. C. Honier, of Foston, Derbyshire, and From Wendy, younger damping of Mr and Mrs K. E. Grierson, of humoured straight-forward and courteous, and had considerable charm of manner, Lord Wavell. Lord Alanbrooke and Sir Claude Auchinleck, were all devoted to him. It was his misfortune that in command of the 8th Army he was given a task beyond his experience.

Mr V. J. S. Kinross and Miss S. J. Hooper The engagement is announced between Vyvyan James Stuart, younger son of the late James Neil Methuen Ritchie was born on July 29 1897, the second son of Dugald Ritchie of inross and Mrs Pamela Kinross, of Tortols, British Virgin Islands, and Sue, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Hooper, of Doynton, Bristol. Liss. Hampshire, He was educated at Lancing College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from which he was commissioned in the Black

Between the wars he gradu-

Watch to command a buttalion

of the King's Own Royal Regiment which was then

engaged in operations against the Arabs in Palestine.

In 1940 he was appointed Brigadier General Staf to Sir

Alan Brooke, then commanding

never rattled, and win a sense

of humour to relieve some of

the gloomy situations. On his return to England he erved for

a few months as BJS to Sir

Claude Auchinleck in the

Southern Commandthen at the

end of 1940, he wa promoted acting major-geners and given command of the 5st Highland

Division. He had not been long

with this division bfore he was sent to the Middle last to serve

again on Auchinlec's staff, this

in his new post then, at the

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Rezegh, Auchinlek removed

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Commanders. uchinleck rea-

Ritchie's assignment was indeed formable one. When

he took ovr, the battle had

almost beet lost. The British

armoured orces had been practically annihilated, the troops we in a state of

followed

time as deputy chief staff. Hardly had he stiled down

The engagement is announced between John Philip Barklie, only son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Maxwell, of Pincy Ridge, 166, Malone Road, Belfast, and Valerie Evaline June. Watch in 1914. In the First World War he had an outstanding record of service as a regimental officer and adjutant on the Western only daughter of Mrs Eveline Caven and the late Mr S. C. R. Caven, of 86. Galwally Park, Ormeau Road, Front, in Mesopotamia and in Palestine. Before his 19th birthday he was a temporary captain, he won the DSO when Mr J. P. R. Nash and Miss L. C. Neumann he was 20, and the military

The engagement is announced between Patrick son of Mr and Mrs Cross when he was 21. Norman Nash, of Wimbledon, and Christina, daughter of Mr and Mrs. ated at the Staff College, served G. S. Neumann, of Duxford, Cambridgeshire, for eight years in the general staff at the War Office and in India, and, in 1938 was transferred from the Black

Mr H. T. Thursfield and Miss V. J. Beckett The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs. P. S. Thursfield, of Eastleach, Gloucestershire, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs. P. R. T. Beckett of St Clements, Oxford.

Forthcoming

Mr C. N. R. Atkin and Miss C. J. Vincent

Atkin of Rising Sun Cottage, Shoreham, Kent, and Catherine,

eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I. D. Vincent, of White Acre, Godalming.

The engagement is announced between James Hugh, eldest son of Colonel W. d'A and the Hon Mrs Garnier, of College Farm, Thompson, Thetford, Norfolk, and Kathe-

rine Hale, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Puckle, of Foxion

marriages

Surrey.

Mr J. H. Garnier

and Miss K, H. Puckle

Mr T. A. Gillom and Miss J. M. Whitfield

Mr P. H. R. Hunter

Mr J. P. R. Marwell

and Miss V. E. J. Caven

Valiant for Truth

The Hon David Astor presented the 1983 Valiant for Truth Media Award to Mrs E F Schumacher at the Press Club yesterday to mark the tenth anniversary of the publication of Small is Beautiful by the late Dr E

The Mayor of Westminster and Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Baroness Phillips, attended. The Marchioness of Lothian presided, on behalf of the Order of Christian Unity. The Rev John Papworth also Only, the New John a pworth and specific spoke, Among the guests were; bits Margaret Alexander, the Hon Hush and her Astor Last Barneban, Mr Getree E Bader, Man Barneban, Mr Grove Back, Mille Barneban, Mr Grove Back, Mr Bander, Mr Codhes, Mr Andrew Coulcohank, the Earl and Countees of Delicath, Professor and Mrs Ian Bonald, Mr William P Deredes, Mrs Mikin Done, Mr Bill for Elicit, Barnets Falkender, Mr Better Prantice, Professor Margaret

a surprising one, or Ritchie had brigade in actionand, at the ago of 44, was compratively junior, junior indeed tchis two Corps lized Ritchie's ack of qualifications for suchigh command, and therefore ecided "to hold his hand", as h put it himself, and this he di throughout the campaign, thusharing Ritchie's responsibility for both the successes and he failures which

rniot Pilot Officers All Abdullah-Salim Al Alawi Saleh Al Magniry, Fahad All Mahamma Al Najmor and Sta Habib Abdullah A

indescribate confusion, and Rommel as theatening the rear of theih Army. The first step in retoring the situation had alresy been taken by Auchinlet himself, when he had flow up to Desert Headquarters to day before, and had counterrended Cunningham's proposalo retreat.

Ritchi rose magnificently to the occaon. He attacked with vigour, and, after a week's heavy ighting Rommet de-cided cut his losses and withdre over 300 miles westwards, vacuating the whole of rine, daughter of James M Cyrenca. The 8th Army's of Kingston Ontario. The victor however was only a one son and one daughter.



ractical one, and the disasture which befell Ritchie in the next stage of the campaign were largely due to a family strategical appreciation of the situation. Rommel halted at El Agheila

and the 8th Army followed him up. Ritchie was now 400 mile from his railbead and, owing to supply difficulties, he could not maintain strong enough forces so far forward either to make an attack or resist one. But he decided to stand Rommel seeing the weakness of the British forces scattered over a vast area, launched a counterattack, and drove the 8th Army back 250 miles to Gazala, After a pause of four months he attacked again. The battle swayed backwards and forwards over a wide area for some three weeks, most fiercely in the region that became known as "The Cauldron". Then Ritchie, having suffered severe losses, ordered a withdrawal to the

Egyptian frontier. Contrary to the plan drawn up before the battle, he decided to leave a garrison in Tobruk. Rottmel attacked this so-called "fortress", and in three days captured it with immense booty and some 30,000 prisoners. Barely pausing to regain breath, Rommel crossed into Egypt and, a week later, arrived at El Alamein where, at last, he was

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At this critical point Auncin-leck decided to assume personal command of the 8th Army, and he sent Ritchie to Engand with the recommendation that he Alan Brooke, then commanding the 2nd Army Corp in the BEF, who described him as "quite invaluable" diving the withdrawal to Dunkirk "always thinking ahead, always calm, and resolute, he is apt to be slow, and I fear the Army has to should be given command of a some extent lost confidence in

> Brooke saw to it that he got another chance, feeling that he had been tested too high. He posted him back to a division. the 52nd Lowland, "to regain confidence in himself", and sortly afterwards to the 12th Army Corps which he commanded admirably in the invasion of Europe, taking an important part in the advance into Belgium, the fighting on the Scheldt and the Meuse, the clearing of South-west Holland, the crossing of the Rhines, and the final advance to the Elbe.

After the war he was GOC .in-C Scotish Command for to 1949, he was Commander-in-Chief, East Asia Land Forces, in which capacity he had to deal with the terrorist and communist disturbances in South East

His last appointment was as commander of the British Army Staff in Washington and millitary member of the Joint Services Mission, and, on his completion of the tenure of this post, he retired from the Army in 1951. He had been promoted General in 1946.

After his retirement Ritchie went to live in Canada where he had a successful business career as President of the Mercantile and General Insurance Company of Canada and director of

a number of other companies.

He was created KBE in KCB in 1947 and was advanced to-GBE in 1951. He was a Commander of the Order of Merit (USA), a Knight Com-mander of the Order of Orange Nassau, and had the French Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre and the Polish medal of Virtuti Militari.

He was Colonel of the Black Watch from 1950 to 1952, and was ADC General to King George VI from 1948 to 1951. He was a member of the Royal Company of Archers, The Queen's Bodyguard for Scot-

He married in 1937 Catherine, daughter of James Minnes of Kingston Ontario. They had

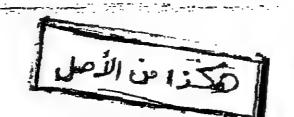
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spending Democrats in Con-

But the strategy has begun to

forcing the Administration to

share the blame.

Mr Dole had urged the

President to put aside party

But Mar Reagan remained

firm in his opposition to tax increases and restated his belief

that the deficit problem will be

cured by a stronger-than-ex-

pected recovery

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

GEC brings down less from the mountain

Lord Weinstock and Sir Kenneth Bond, the presiding pillars of GEC, can control many things, but they include neither interest rates, nor the foreign exchange value of sterling, nor (entirely) the forecast of brokers' analysts. It is hard understand why stock market soothsayers foresaw, with almost deadly accuracy GEC's trading results for the six months to September 30 and yet failed to get anywhere near GEC's investment income for the same period.

This is doubly unfortunate: it proves, yet again, how far off beam even the most informed forecasts can turn out and as brokers' forecasts tend now to be the yardstick by which the market judges actual performance, share price movements, after the actual figures have been issued, may not be soundly based.

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Not unreasonably, senior managers who have worked their insides out to produce good figures can feel bitter and twisted when mistaken City Cassandras seem to have more influence in the market than the results themselves.

GEC's pretax profits for the first half-year are down from £291m to £285m. Though the interim dividend is raised from a penny to 1,15p a share, the shares immediately fell 19p, before closing 17p lower at 176p - a mere 2p above their year's low.

fair performance marred only by lower levels of deliveries of power-generation equipment (large steam and gas turbines) and of telecommunications equipment.

Deliveries of System X equipment to British Telecom should soon begin to make the running and, although the results will not be seen in the current year, GEC has picked up £50m worth of orders for power-generation equipment in the last

The half-year figures are down simply because income earned on GEC's fabulous cash mountain" is £23m lower than at September 30 last year. The mountain then yielded a return of 18 per cent.

This year so far, not only have interest rates fallen but the profit of converting dollar balances into sterling has shrunk. The return has been halved. By the end of GEC's 1982-83 financial year, the credit for currency conversion had grown to

The 1984 year-end figure will be nothing like that, but it should be better than the half-year figure might suggest. Looking at the game at half-time, GEC is one-nil down and probably heading for a draw. As usual it is tight-lipped about what, if anything, it might do with all that cash (£1,477m at the last count), other than to continue to make the best return in the world's money and bond markets.

Eagle Star penny bazaar

becoming a farce - a fate that no company of any status deserves. A mixture of pride and prejudice is threatening to take over.

The West German company Allianz Versicherungs, which has 30 per cent of Eagle Star and wanted to own 40 per cent. ought to recognize that it is not going to prevail over the rival bidder. BAT

By sensibly withdrawing it would earn points, a huge profit on its Eagle Star shares and stand a fair chance if it came back with an offer for another British company. Its merchant banking advisers, Morgan Grenfell, would no doubt be pleased to act as an intermediary if Allianz revived its interest in Cornhill, which now resides in the BTR camp.

That, however, is not a line that yet commends itself to the proud and determined Allianz chairman, Dr Wolfgang Schieren. The Allianz management board meets in Munich today to approve lifting its bid to 661p a share - just 1p more than the BAT offer. It will be doing this in order to comply with a Takeover meet a promise to top BAT's terms.

off the final decision making for as long as offer document by the end of the week. possible and does nothing for the German Allianz must make their final offer by yesterday dropped 15p to 697p.

The auction of Eagle Star is in danger of December 30 under City takeover rules. Both sides can play the same game, each jostling for position by raising their bids by 1p. That would be ludicrous.

BAT's merchant bank advisers, Lazard Brothers, intends to protest about Allianz's expected 661p a share bid in the strongest possible terms. It argues that the new bid will breach general principle No 5 of the Takeover Code, which says that any bidder must do its utmost to avoid creating a false market in the target company's shares.

There is growing pressure within the Allianz management board of the company to take its profit, with the "worker" members of the supervisory board (half its membership) wanting to see the money reinvested in Germany.

Moreover, Dr Schieren is said to be about to lose one of his most avid supporters – his finance manager, Dr Marcus Bierich. Dr Bierich has been a key, and constructive, figure in the sometimes bitter discussions between Allianz and Eagle over the past two years but he may be off to succeed Professor Hans Merkle, the grand old man of German industry, as head of the giant Bosch motor component

The Takeover Panel yesterday told It is a technical move designed to put Morgan Grenfell that it expected a full Sensing that the action may end before

reputation for decisiveness. Both BAT and the penny farce begins Eagle's share price

NEWS IN BRIEF

Investment fund for

Mr David Trippier, the minister for small businesses, has given his backing to a new. community-based investment fund which will invest £500,000

Business Expansion Scheme. will be run by local business-men who draw no salary for their work. Investors will pay no management charges although there will be a half-yearly administrative charge.

 Charterhouse Group and Electra Risk Capital have linked up with a publicly-quoted company. Pineapple Dance Studios, for its first venture under the Business Expansion Scheme. Pineapple has formed the Business Expansion Scheme. a subsidiary. Pineapple Kensington, in which Charterhouse will take a 40 per cent stake and Electra a 35 per cent stake. Charterhouse has paid £251,000 for its stake and Electra £220,000. The remaining 25 per cent will be held by Pincapple.

 The Department of Trade has presented petitions for the

insurances policyholders.

• Xerox Corp. has agreed to acquire the privately-held investment banking firm Van Kampen Merritt for \$150m (£105m) in cash, term and convertible notes, plus a contingent payment of up to \$68m based on earnings for the next

lian entrepreneur, yesterday central bank officials, he is raised a toast in Foster's lager after his company gained control of the brewers of Australia's most famous beer in the country's largest takeover deal. Mr Elliott, managing director of Elders IXL, said his company now held more than coordinating the loan arrange-50 per cent of Carlton and ments said yesterday: "We are looking for another \$100m from more than \$A480m

Property groups back in

back on after a surprise the earnings per share though announcement yesterday that the three companies were talking again. An official announcement of the terms of the terms of the terms of the that the merger will be on

deal is expected today.

Talks between the three property companies were called

shareholders and directors, are believed to have decided to reapproach Slough and accept its terms for the merger rather than stick to the higher price they had originally demanded. Both Allnatt and Guildhall asked for their shares to be suspended, but Slough did not. which strengthened the belief that the other two had reapproached Slough. However, Slough was adamant yesterday that the deal would be a merger

be advantageous to Slough because it would reduce the discount to net assets at

The £300m merger of Slough which its shares trade. But any Estates. Allnatt London Properissue of Slough shares to acquire ties and Guildhall Property is the two companies would dilute

> Slough's terms was reflected in the share price which ended the day down only 3p at 119p.

The two main directors of Alinatt and Guildhall, Mr Leslie Smith and Mr Ronald Diggens. are said to be anxious to stand down. Mr diggens is also on the Slough board.

A successful merger would create a property company with a portfolio worth about £700m and a market value of almost £300m. Slough's portfolio alone is worth about £500m.

 Mr Godfrey Messervy, chairman of Lucas Industries. told yesterday's annual meeting that the company must con-tinue to shed labour this year if it is to remain competitive. In 1982, the group reduced its Hatfield cheaply compared with British workforce by nearly the price that Tarmac has been 4,000 to 45,500.

Pound falls to record low as dollar's surge continues

United States currency forged ahead again in the foreign exchange markets.

The pound remained fairly firm against other currencies. which also suffered from the apparently, insatiable demand for dollars. At one point, sterling hit \$1.4285 before recovering slightly, but finished the day at \$1.4310, a record closing low and down 45 points from Friday.

Its trade-weighted value was only 0.1 lower on the day at 82.5 as it closed a shade firmer against the French franc but slightly easier against the German mark and the yen.

Foreign exchange markets eacted early in the day to the bombings in Kuwait by pushing the dollar ahead. The continuing worries about the United States budget deficit, the rapid try to prevent it rising.

By Jonathan Davis Financial Correspondent

A savage decline in the

Government's North Sea oil

revenues in the 1990s looks inevitable, according to a critical report on oil taxation

policy published yesterday by

the independent Institute of

If oil prices rise in line with inflation for the rest of this

century, the Government's income from all commercial

fields in the North Sea will decline from a peak of £11.000m in 1987 to less than

£1,000m in the year 2000, the

This compares with the £8,000m to £9,000m that the

Government will receive this financial year; and it reflects the

sharp fall in output from the

prolific early discoveries in the

North Sea which had always been expected from 1990

The institute adds that even

big rises in oil prices or a sudden spate of new field developments is unlikely to

have much effect on the steady

The study estimates that oil prices would have to rise in real

£20m into

expansion

The takeovers will provide a

source of raw materials for the group's businesses in Britain

ind France and extend its

The stock market approved -

and marked the shares up 8p to

placing of 3.94 million shares to

help pay for the purchases.

RMC is paying DM50m
(£12.85m) to Rheinisch-Westfaelische Kalkwerke of West
Germany for a 65 per cent
interest in its aggregates off-

RMC already has 49 per cent of the West German parent which has been rationalizing its

interest through sale and closure

to concentrate on its original

The French company lost money last year and most of this year. But it is expected to

RMC is also paying \$9.7m (£6.7m) for a 75 per cent interest in Metromont Mat-

erials Corporation in South

Metromont, which is profit

able, operates 12 ready-mixed-

concrete plants, seven concrete

block plants and one concrete

Meanwhile, in Britain the

group is paying £1.84m for farm

land adjascent to its existing quarry at Hatfield in Hertford-

Planning permission has been

granted to develop the land for its sand and gravel deposits

RMC appears to have se-

limestone extraction business.

make a net profit next year.

Carolina.

American interests.

revenue decline.

Fiscal Studies,

institute calculates.

Sterling fell further against recovery in the economy and the dollar yesterday as the the impact these could have on American interest rates also lent support to the dollar, which broke new ground against both

the mark and French franc. Intervention by the German central bank as the dollar tested DM 2.7550 helped to stem its surge during the morning, but it still closed in London over 1/2 plennig higher at DM 2.7540.

One dealer said yesterday: "It's difficult to see anything happening between now and the end of December which will weaken the dollar."

Another added: "Whichever way you turn it's very difficult to sell the dollar." Although central bankers

appear concerned about the continuing strength of the dollar, there is no sign that concerted intervention on the foreign exchanges is planned to

Grim forecast on UK oil income

REVENUE FORECAST

terms by 6 per cent a year - or

seven years - if revenues were to be maintained above

To keep revenues at this level

until 1994 would require prices

to increase annually at more than 9 per cent above the rate of

inflation. So they would have to

double in real terms over the

RMC puts | Lloyds buys part of

Lloyds is buying about DM i.4 billion (£355m) of assets

under the deal, comprising parts

of SMH's commercial banking

business and all its investment

Excluded from the deal are any of SMH's loans to IBH, the

huge building machinery group or Wibau, a machinery com-

pany in which IBH has a stake.

It was these loans, estimated at

about DM900m, which precipitated the rescue of SMH by a

group of West German banks at

The West German banks are

believed to have extended about

the beginning of last month.

banking activities.

Such increases would give a Price £6.

£10,000m a year until 1990.

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OF 20 MORE

FIELDS

Meanwhile, a Republican the rising deficit of \$200 billion from Kansas openly defied the Reagan Administration yesterday by holding a series of Congressional hearings designed to focus national attention on the soaring budget

US recovery.
The three days of special hearings before Mr Robert Dole's Finance Committee opened as analysts predicted the dollar would continue to surge. largely because of the huge budget deficits which are fuelling high interest rates.

deficits he fears will destroy the

White House officials had urged Mr Dole to put off the hearings until next year when the Administration will unveil its 1985 budget, which reported-ly projects a deficit even higher than has been expected.

Privately, some of Mr Reagan's closest advisors have admitted that they now regard

powerful boost to the develop-

ment of new fields but they are extremely unlikely and would,

in any case, cause such damage to the economy that they would outweigh the Government's need for revenues, according to authors, Mr Mike Devereux and Mr Nick Morris, research

Because future fields will be

much smaller and more economically marginal than the

original discoveries, even the

development of 20 new fields

would have only a marginal impact on Government rev-

The institute supports this

gloomy prognosis with some criticisms of the way in which oil taxation has developed in

this country. It says that the system has hit small marginal

fields much harder than the

The report proposes that the

present system should be replaced by a simple system

North Sea Oil Taxation, by

(Publishers) Ltd., Cambridge.

receiver for IBH, said he

Lloyds already has five

branches in Germany, but the

soon move into bankruptcy.

portfolio management

flow, rather than revenues.

officers at the institute.

enues this century.

by 51 per cent over the next more profitable developments.

rescued bank

By Our Banking Correspondent

US fears hit index

The equity market's recordbreaking run showed signs of running out of steam yesterday the long three-week Christmas

account get under way.

Opening on a firm note the
FT Index continued to scale new and more as Mr Reagan's heights, rising 3.4, at one stage, before closing 3.4 down at 753.7. Fears of higher US interest economic Achille's heel. The White House strategy has been to blame the deficits on free-

rates and a disappointing start to trading on Wall Street effected sentiment with the latest bumper set of retail sales making little impression. Dealers fear that now the

backfire as the national debate over the deficit grows more intense and powerful Republi-cans like Mr Dole insist on festivities are under way turnover will continue to decline and prices will now be left to drift. Market report, page 16

STOCK EXCHANGES

differences and approve a programme of modest tax increases and additional spending cuts before Congress recessed on 18 November for the FT Index: 753.7 down 3.4 FT Gitts: 82.51 down 0.26 FT Ali Share: 463.85 down

> Bargains: 21,030 Datastream USM Leaders Index:N/A New York: Dow Jones

Average: (latest) 1258.33 down 1.73 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,442.38 down 6.52 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 856.74 down 1.65 Amsterdam:156.0 down 0.1 Sydney: AO Index 743.8 up 8.0

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1016.3 up 2.0 Brussels: General Index 131.63 up 0.71 Paris: CAC Index 151.5 up Zurich: SKA General 306.80

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling \$1.4310 down 45pts

DM 2.7540up 0.0053 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4285 Dollar DM 2.7525

SDR£0.725922 INTEREST RATES

Last October American Ex-press reported a less than 11 per cent increase in third-quarter earnings as a result of a 25 per cent drop in the earnings of its

By Jeremy Warner

RMC Group, Britain's biggest ready-mixed concrete concern, is spending about £20m on acquisitions in France, the US and Britain.

Lloyds Bank is expanding in OM1 billion of aid to SMH and since the rescue the bank has been administered by a committee formed by the West German Banking Association.

Yesterday, Herr Wolfgang undisclosed sum.

Petereit, the court-appointed by the court-appointed and Britain. nounced 10 per cent job cuts among 13,000 workers at Fireman's Fund. The group said 300 jobs in the property liability operations were being cut immediately and a further 1,200 Export Finance Scheme IV jobs would go next year. In the

> As a result, net income for American Express are expected to fall sharply from \$581 m.

acquisition of parts of SMH, which also excludes its Luxem-Last month, American Ex-press was poised to make one of bourg operations, will roughly double its assets in Germany. the world's largest corporate Mr David Pirrie, a general manager of Lloyds, said the commercial banking side was complementary to the group's existing German activities and takeovers, offering its stock in a \$1 billion deal for the Alleghany Corportation. It was called off just a month after the first announcement the deal would also bring Lloyds into stockbroking and

Amex faces profit fall of \$50m

Net profits of American Express will fall by about \$50m (£35m) to \$531m this year, making it the first profits drop for a decade. It follows a \$230m injection of cash into its property liability insurance arm, Fireman's Fund.

A shake-up of top manage-ment at the Fireman's Fund was American Express is one of the world's largest travel and

financial services groups. It takes in international banking services, insurance, investment advice and the famous charge card used by 15 million holders. Increased and higher claims nean that its Fireman's Fund subsidiary will make a loss in the final quarter of the year,

although it will be profitable for based on profitability and cash he year as a whole. In New York, American Express share price hit a low for the year of \$28% per share. The M. P. Devereux and C. N. Morris, Institute of Fiscal Studies, Woodhead Faulkner price has come down this year from almost \$50 a share.

The problems have been caused by additional reserves being needed for meeting claims on workers' compensation and property liability.

insurance subsidiary. Earlier this month it an-

expected the company would soon move into bankruptcy. third-quarter Fireman's Fund earnings fell to \$46m.

up 0.30 CURRENCIES

Index 82.5 up 0.1 DM 3.9425 up 0.9050 FrF 12.0050 up 0.0125 Yen 338.75 down 0.75 Dollar Index 130.4 up 0.2

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Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 101/18/109/18 3 month DM 67/16-61/16 3 month Fr F121/18-121/18 **US rates**

Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 9/2 Treasury long bond 100% 100%

Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

GOLD

close \$391.25-392 (£273.50-

274) New York (close): \$391.25 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$403.50-405 (2282.25-283.25)

Stocks were mostly lower in early trading but some losses

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about two points recovering from an early drop of more than 31/2.
Declines held a 705-to-670 edge over advances in moderately active trading.

Mr Michael Metz, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co, said: "The stock market is behaving fairly well considering the interest rate background. It can't attract much new money now because of the high interest

International Business Machines was up 11/8 to 1221/4; General Motors up ½ at 75½; Eastman Kodak up ¾ at 74½; Val up ¼ at 35½ Norfolk

Dow recovers early losses

New York (AP Dow-Jones) -

Minister seeks further \$100m towards \$6.5 billion new money target

Brazil appeals for Middle East loan

By John Lawless

Brazil's Planning Minister, Senhor Antonio Delfim Netto, is on a tour of the Middle East, urging bankers to join the \$6.5 billion (£4.3m) new money loan

heading for Jeddah. After Saudia Arabia, where he is due to meet senior ministers and likely to visit Kuwait.

that is still showing substantial resistance to new lending.

A New York banker who is there, having so far managed to



Every dollar is important at this stage, given that many of the commutments from else-where in the world are continre in the world are contin-

included in that figure, perhaps five belonging to one bank. That has inflated the total still outstanding

by the end of the year if the full amount is not there." Brazil, under those circum-

gent upon the full \$6.5 billion in place - and allow the rescue being in place, from 100 per deal to continue into next year if it guaranteed to make what The new money total yester- arrears payment is can in "an even-handed way. In other words, American banks must not be favoured with payments. If Brazil could not do that,

either old loans would temporbegan to question whether this figure might be a scare tactic.

arily have to be put on a non-performing basis, or the US

> There can be no under-estimating, therefore, how important Senhor Delfim Netto's Middle East tour has become. Apart from the two large banks. Gulf International and the Arab

We acquired the London-based builders merchants group, M. Wisepart Ltd in October 1983. This acquisition will be of considerable benefit to the building supplies division, providing better access to the more buoyant markets in the south-east of the country, and is expected to make profits of at least £700,000 per annum.

The lighting companies made further progress, with a significant profit contribution from Simplex Lighting Ltd which was acquired a year ago.

In property development, we expect to benefit shortly from the first major transactions in our commercial development programme.

The Whitecroft group is more firmly based to generate growth than for many years and this will be reflected in the outcome for the year as a whole.

Interim results	Half year ended 30 September 1983	Half year ended 30 September 1982	Year ended 31 March 1983
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Turnover	43,700+ 9%	40,018	84,304
Profit before taxation	2,744+13%	2,425	5,304
Earnings per share	10.3p+25%	8.2p	18.5p
Dividends per share	2.0p+21%	1.65p	5.4p

Whitecroft plc

Textiles, building supplies, lighting, property development

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compulsory winding up of Cavalier Insurance and Universal Guarantee Insurance Agency, after discovering that the two companies were not authorized to offer extended guarantee

Mr John Elliott, an Austra-

£300m merger talks By Jonathan Clare

off just over two weeks ago. Allnatt and Guildhall, which are run by the same principal

and not a takeover. A straightforward merger

to his country. He left Bahrain yesterday after a visit to the United Arab Emirates, and was thought to be

The Middle East is the only region, outside Latin America.



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day stood at \$6.22 billion, from 420 banks. Although coordinate banks were still claiming that they have yet to hear from about 200 small banks, others One London banker said:

He added: "The major non-US banks are adamant that they will not raise bridging finance

stances, would only be able to keep the existing commitments

banks would have to raise "There are many subsidiaries bridging finance on their own. included in that figure, perhaps "The big banks feel very strongly about this," he said pointing out that several of those still to commit themselves are regional US banks.

Banking Corporation, there are still plenty of smaller banks there holding back.

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the current market price. The placing is expected to raise about £15m for Mr Ronson's Heron Corporation, which was part of the Bassishaw consortium which failed to top the £260m bid from Lord Hanson's Hanson Trust.
Mr Ronson receive Mr Ronson received 15 million shares in Hanson Trust for his 10 per cent stake in UDS, which he bought at different levels before different levels before and during the hotly contested bid

for the department store group. ' Heron is still presumed to own a further 9 million shares in Hanson, worth an estimated £23m Last night. Mr Ronson was unavailable for comment, and it was unclear whether any and 11 was unclear whether any further share sales were planned Hanson ended the day planned Hanson ended the day
7p lower at 265p.
Heron recently bought a
small stake in Burmah, leading

Ronson raises £15m

ACCOUNT DAYS Dealings Began, Dec 12. Dealings end, Dec 29 Contango Day, Dec 30. Settlement Day, Jan 9.

to speculation that a full bid was on the way. Burmah closed lp dearer at 162p and at this level is well within the reach of Mr Ronson's finances.

The rest of the equity market opened the three-week Christ-

Boots, the High Street chemist, has shrugged off the Government's proposals to cream off some of its profits relating to National Health sales. Yesterday the shares rose 5p to a new high of 184p as the US broker Merrill Lynch issued a huy recommendation. Broker Scrimgeour Kemp Gee, which has been hearish of the shares, is also said to have changed its tune, hut was unavailable for comment.

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Shares of UBM Group, the earlier in the day at a new peak, closed 3.4 down at 753.7. The threat of higher US

interest rates meant another bad day for the pound on the foreign exchange markets, where it lost 45 points to close at an all time low of \$1.4310. This meant another bout of nervous selling in gilts, where falls of about 50p were reported at the longer end of the market while in shorts the losses were restricted to 25p.

In blue chips, BTR continued to meet renewed support climbing 13p to a new high of 43p.

American investors are reported to have taken a shine to the shares after its successful bid for Thomas Tilling this year.

Generally, prices closed below their best levels of the day Allied-Lyons slipped 2p to 145p, BICC 2p to 238p. Beecham 3p to 315p, Bowater 1p to 240p. GKN 1p to 173p. Hawker Siddeley 2p to 350p and Thorn EMI 7p to 637p.

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builders' merchant, climbed 4p to 126p after Saturday's article in the *The Times* suggesting the group might soon be the target of another bid from a third party. There is speculation that Norcros, which failed in its £73m bid to win control of the

SCA Services, the American hased hazardous waste disposal group, has successfully applied for a full listing of its shares in for a full listing of its states in London and is now actively looking for a joint development in Britain. SCA expect the market to grow by 15 per cent a year in the US to £7hn by 1990. But Europe is catching up and SCA is looking for additional

been approached for its 43 per million shares in issue were

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cent stake. Norcros shares responded to the suggestion with a 5p rise to a a striking price of 275p

new high of 15412p. But the company said it never comments on market rumours. Hanson Trust has been tipped

as a likely suitor. There was speculative support for the big banks. Bank of Scotland rose 13p to 695p, after 700p, while among the mer-chant banks Hill Samuel was up to a new high of 343p on hopes

of a bid from the US. Shares of Comet Group were in fine form yesterday recovering most of an early 5p fall in ex-div form to close a net 2p

lower at 306p.

Over on the Over-the-Counter market licensed dealers Granville are due to start trading in shares of Minihouse, the Dutch group supplying computer and

This is the first European security to be traded on the OTC market and follows offer by tender at a minimum price of 250p. This figure was company this year. may have exceeded when 800,000 shares, about 30 per cent of the 27 placed by Granville with United Kingdom institutions at

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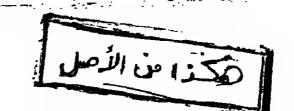
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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

What props up the share price of Dobson Park Industries, the coal mining engineers, is a 10.8 yield on a price of 70p and a maintained dividend of 5.21p, despite three years of falling profits.

That is of little consolation to a company that has seen its pretax profit margins more than halved in five years and its fully taxed earnings per share cut by just as much.

Nevertheless. Dobson has done well to contain the drop down from £9m to £8m pretax for the year ended October on a turnovrer reduced from £182.6m to £169.3m. Gearing has sensibly been

held down. Acquisitions in the current year should be valued at half the spent in the last fiscal year, £12m, but even then the John gearing level should still be no higher than 15 per cent by the year-end, according to Mr Graham Edwards, the finance

Incorporating the £1,44m profits of FSW, acquired last May, helped profits at a crucial computers are available at time and further acquisitions Martin The Newsagent as it should do the same this year. lie in Britain, where any upturn a profit. will have a dramatic effect on

profitability, but abroad. operate, it showed losses in six shops and the one which did contribute, India, made only £205,000.

recorded the sharpest downturn his group, founded on selling with combined losses increasing newspapers and magazines, still to almost £2m from £660.000. about 35 per cent of business, Dobson hopes to have both could be offering manufacturers countries breaking even level by immediate outlets in the high the end of this year, but that aircul could be over optimistic.

United States has seen its coal: mining industry slump by over director. 30 per cent and a turnround Martin's traditional busi-there will have to be substantial nesses are declining. Tobacco before the mining companies market volume, for instance, begin buying new equipment.

main hope on a continued percent. improvement from power tools The last national newspaper - a loss of £538,000 turned into dispute, over a weekend and a £1.7m profit - to help curb the one Monday, cost the group sharp drop in mining supplies £120,000 at the operating profit profits, which more than halved level and the absence of papers

Shareholders would be un-wise to expect improved profits

The market was surprised by in the current period, but a the performance for the year, maintained dividend and a high particularly after the poor first-vield coupled with sensible half. Sales rose 10.3 per cent to financial policies should see the £141.6m from £128m, while group maintain an even keel pretax profits were only margiuntil the expected improvement nally lower, from £3.6m to

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Martin: outlets

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Sandwiches, coffee and nould do the same this year, widens its product range to But the real problems do not incorporate whatever will make

Martin's policy is similar to In the seven main overseas areas in which Dobson Park prepares it showed losses in six

Mr John Martin, chairman, supports vertical integration to Europe and North America the extent that within five years

Therefore, the staff must be The West German subsidiary trained to sell a wide range of makes aircraft-towing equip-goods offered by the chain and ment and mining vehicles, this is being handled by Mr Bill neither a boom area. The Mitchell, formerly of ASDA group who is the new personnel

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borrowings, gearing is being held at 38 per cent and although captital expenditure is being raised a number of law perform-

ance shops are being sold off, The final dividend of 3.720p takes the year's total to 6.12p, against 5.775p the year before. As 156p the shares are well below the year's best, but yield a

Caffyns

Record car sales in August had a predictable effect on the half-year results of Caffyns, the South of England motor traders but the company is still waiting for some big property sales to cut borrowings to manageable

levels.

Trading continued strongly in the second half, despite fears that the August boom was merely sales brought forward letter of intent, which is still be from September, October and November, Although the Rolls-Royce

franchise was lost last April, following Rolls' decision to rationalize its outlets, Caffyns benefited from good sales of BLs Metro and Maestro models and has high hopes for the

forthcoming LM10.

Even Fiat and Lancia have improved after a thin patch, though sales performance is well below the levels achieved by the German manufacturers, VAG and Mercedes Benz. represented by Caffyns.

Margins on new car sales have shown no signs of firming, but have at least stabilized after two years of deterioration.

The sale of a garage last May boosted property profits to £248.000, against £73.000, to leave interim pretax profits at £474,000, against £61,000.

Another garage sale has been agreed, while two more may be sold by the year-end, to substantially reduce borrowings. Caffyns' interest charge was cut from £664,000 to £571,000.

A statebolder's incensus from days after Christmas should signal an attempt to revitalize the former sleepy engineering company Meggitt Holdings.

These garages being sold are empty and a repeat of last year's extraordinary closure costs of £327,000 is unlikely, so the group should end the year in the dend has been maintained at

The shares were up 2p to 150p yesterday, close to the year's "high." They have been supported by bid rumours, which recently re-emerged, but more than 50 per cent of the shares are in family hands and the directors say they would not welcome an approach.

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Scramble for £200m **Egyptian** contracts

John Lawless The Egyptians are to announce four contracts in the next few weeks - worth more than £200m, and all involving British companies - to rehabilitate Cairo's crumbling sewers. To squeeze the lowest poss-

ible price from those bidding, the Egyptians allowed a Dutch auction to proceed well after tenders received for the first

Five companies bid a year ago to supply mechanical and engineering equipment for the Al Ameria pumping station. Mather and Platt came in with the lowest offer. The other four contenders - Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering, NEI, Cap-per Neill and GEC - then sought to revise their bids.

letter of intent, which is still be ratified, at £11.84m against its original bid of about £15m,
If the Egyptians go for the
lowest bids so far, Lilly Construction will build 4,900

metres of sewer tunnels between Soul el Samak and Abdeen, having tendered at E£106m (£88.3m). A consortium of Tarmac, Cementation, Balfour Beatty and Edmund Nuttall will

undertake tunnels Souk el Samak with Ameria, and in particular a 4,000-metre main The British are guaranteed at least £150m worth of work,

Meggitt looks for acquisitions

A shareholder's meeting four Behind the attempt are Mr

Ken Coates and Mr Nigel McCorkell, Both were senior directors of Flight Refuelling during a period when that black at the attributable level, company's turnover rose more Meanwhile the interim divi- than five-fold and the group's profits rose at an even faster

Following Meggitt Share-holders' approval, Mr Coates and Mr McCorkill will emerge with about 5 per cent each of Meggitt, the two are being backed by Investors in Industry (III) which will take a maximum 20 per cent stake as a result of underwriting a 30p per hare rights issue.

Meggin's share price, 38p at

one stage this year, has soured to 101p and closed last night at 93p. The activity has inspired share rises in another engineering group. Hampson Industries. share price more than doubled this year and currently stands at 18p on speculation that the reshaped Meggitt will

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

Express millionaire game sets rivals on the chase

Twelve weeks ago, Fleet Street was in the first flush of millionaire madness, following the launch of the Daily Express Millionaires Club promotion. The Express's offer of the biggest prize in newspaper history – £1m – spurred its rivals into feverish editorial activity as they decided whether to respond with similar prizes.

The Sun launched a "Live like a millionaire for a day" competition and the Daily Mirror ran a series on the pools millionaires, while the Mail the Express's most direct competitor and arch rival — initially confined itself to a promotional slogan saying:
"The odds are better in the Mail a reference to the huge odds against anyone actually winning

the million-pound prize.

As it turned out, the Mail was soon to become the only paper to respond directly to the Express initiative, with a competition offering readers the chance to win more than £1m in four different games. The Sun and the Mirror continued with their existing bingo and jackpot promotions, offering smaller

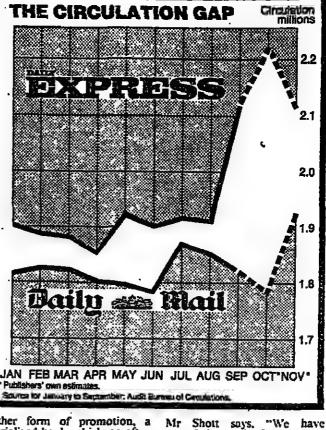
Twelve weeks on, with sales figures for October and November now available, there is no doubt that the Millionaires Club has scored a big success for the Daily Express. Sales in November, according to the paper's own estimate, were 2,115,000, some 11 per cent up on the figure for August, before the promotion started.

"It has gone better than we dared hope", Mr Nick Shott, assistant managing director of Express Newspapers, says. "It has proved to be a far more powerful promotion for the paper than bingo ever was, both in terms of the initial sales gains and in the retention of those sales,"

The initial impact of the Millionaires Club was remarkable. On September 19, the day of the promotion, the Express achieved an extra sale of 300,000 or 15 per cent, which was acknowledged by its rivals as the best figure ever seen on the first day of such a promotion. The boom did not end there,

At one point, sales reached 2,350,000, almost 450,000 up on the August circulation figure.
"In October, the first full month after the Millionaires Club started, we estimate we sold an average of 2,222,000 copies – and the month began two weeks after the game started, which means the initial huge gains had started to settle-down. Mr Shott says. "That was our peak monthly sale – 312,000 up on the August figure, an increase of 16 per cent. In November we were 205,000 up on August - or 11 company also justiper cent - and I think that is straight profit terms. remarkable after 10 weeks of a

promotion. "This has virtually rewritten circulation would be necessary and Mail in October, on the two the papers did pull off a million-the marketing textbooks for to cover the cost of the papers own figures, was an pound win, the excitement newspapers. If one takes an promotion within 26 weeks", enormous 440,000 not least could start all over again.



other form of promotion, a serialized book, which we often use for the Sunday Express, most publishers would expect an initial sales increase of 4 or 5 per cent and they would be happy normally to hold on to a

fifth of that.
"We have bad an initial monthly sales increase of 16 per cent and so far we have held on to two-thirds of it."

Rival publishers acknowledge that the promotion has been a success, but point out the enormous cost of the exercise, estimated by some at £31/2m, by others at more. "We made a conscious decision not to react to the Millionaires Club", Mr Roger Bowes, deputy chief executive of Mirror Group

Newspapers, says.
"It would have been throwing money down the drain to try to follow it. The Express appears to have held on to 200,000 extra sales - though it is still going down - but you have to look at it in terms of their expenditure. It is a horrendous amount, but they may justify it on the grounds that they have a new editor and a new paper which is now being sampled by extra readers," Mr Bowes adds.

Express Newspapers does justify it on those grounds - it is generally accepted that though promotions like this can generate immediate sales, it is the quality of the paper itself that determines whether those readers stay. However, the company also justifies it in

"Before we started, worked out what increase in Mr Shott says. "We have exceeded our sales forecasts and it now looks as though Million-

aires Club will have paid for itself within 20 weeks. Perhaps the most important aspect of the Express sales increase is that it has substantially widened the gap between its own circulation and that of the Daily Mail, which in April this year was getting much too close for comfort - a mere

52,000. The appointment of Sir Larry Lamb as editor and the launch of a promotion called Matchmaker temporarily halted the slide of the Express, but the gains were short-lived. The Millionaires Club was intended to produce the real boost and enable new readers to sample Sir Larry's "brighter editorial product" with an appeal for younger readers.

The Daily Mail's circulation director, Mr Denis Earle, acknowledges the success of the Express, but says that his own paper's millionaire promotion has done well too. "The Express game was one of the most successful promotions of its kind in the last 10 years and they must be very satisfied", he

says.

"It has pulled them back over the two-million sale and bearing in mind that their circulation had dropped in 10 years from 34 million to 1.8 million, with no signs of stopping, that is no mean achievement. The gap between us was 50,000 and it is now nearly 200,000, but I would

figure of only 1,778,000 in October, despite the fact that it was on October 24 that its own Millionaire's Mail promotion

started.
In November, however, the Mail estimates its sale was 1,926,000, its highest November figure for two years. "The peak sales increase was 220,000 and we are holding on to about half of that," Mr Earle says. The promotion has been comparatively successful in that it has helped us reduce the gap

What effect has this million pound activity had on the rest of the popular press? Basing judgments on month-by-month sales figures is always difficult, because there is a seasonal decline in newspaper sales at this time of the year, but according to Mr. Bruco Matthews, managing director of The Sun and The News of the World, the overall market seems to have grown as a result of the promotions: the Express and Mail gains have not simply been at the expense of their

"Between August and November last year, sales of the Sun, Star, Mirror, Express and Mail dropped in total by 154,000 - and that is a seasonal decline that is expected. This year, between August and November the overall sales went up by 132,000, so most of the sales they have put on are extra readers. The Sun's sales drop this year was virtually the same as last year - 36,000 as against 31,000 - so it does not appear to have affected us at

Just how many of these extra copies will be retained by the Express and the Mail remains to be seen but Mr Short believes the Express has now shed most of the readers it is going to lose.
The drop has slowed right down and we are 12 weeks into the promotion, so we think we will hold most of our extra sale

Much will depend, now that the initial excitement is over, on how much prize money is won. So far, the Mail and the Express are roughly equal on big winners. The Express had three £100,000 winners within its first week and has had two more since, but the Mail has produced the biggest winner, with a £250,000 payout - the biggest single prize in newspaper history. On each of these occasions promoted with television advertisements, sales

It has not escaped anyone's notice however, that the "millionaires" games have yet to produce a million-pound winner and the Express is showing signs of desperation to find one. While this has not - as once feared - reduced the we hope to see that reduced impact of the competitions, in The gap between the Express there is little doubt that if one of

The General Electric Company plc **Interim Report**

The unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September 1983 are:

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•	30th Sept.	30th Sept.	31st March
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Earnings per share	6.0p	6.1p	14.2p

Lower levels of deliveries of power generation and main exchange telect equipment detracted from an otherwise generally satisfactory increase in sales; the value of order books was 8 per cent higher than at September 1982. Profits derived from trading rose by £17 million, but financial receivables and currency revaluations showed a decline of £23 million compared with the same period of the previous

● The directors have declared an interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 1.15p (1982, lp) per share payable on 31st March 1984 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 16th February 1984. The cost of the interim dividend is £32 million (1982, £27 million).

Group breakdown of Turnover and Profit: Profit before Turnover Taxation 1982 1983 1983 Ēπ £m £m £m United Kingdom Power Engineering Industrial 192 192 19 17 Electronics, Automation and Telecommunications Components, Cables and Wire Consumer Products Associated Companies Overseas Europe The Americas Asia. Africa Associated Companies 156 195 14 15 2.597 2,486 242 225 Other Activities and Items Interest Receivable less Payable, 72 and Investment Income 285 291 2,501

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Sales to customers excluding inter-

foreign currencies (1982, credit of £7 million).

Group and associated companies

 Export sales in the six months amounted to £575 million (1982, £544) million) and export orders received totalled £406 million (1982, £632 million)

Bank deposits, short-term investments and net balances with bankers at 30th September 1983 were £1,477 million (1982,£1,117 million).

 In the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1984, the directors intend to give the Group's world-wide results under classes of

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People/Bernard Panton of Telecomputing

Free beer from a software gamble

By Roger Woolnough

In the places where computer users gather, the talk is often of the applications backlog. There are more people with a need for computing than the data-processing departments can handle, so the queue of potential users is growing. One big corporation has estimated that to catch up with all its applications will take until the year 2000.

"It's a software crisis," claims Bernard Panton, and he believes that one person's prob-lems can be another's opportunity. He is planning to move strongly into so-called userdriven software, which allows the people who need computer systems to design and operate them without help from DP professionals.

Panton is chairman of Telecomputing an Oxford-based company that has made its mark in transaction processing software, which helps in the operation of terminals which are on-line to mainframe computers. He and two associates started the company above a betting shop in 1974, and in this case the gamble came off.

The aim was to write a piece of software called TPS. Our expectations were to sell 12 copies and then become a normal 'body shop' for soft-ware." he recalls. "We have now sold well over 400 copies."

Panton has had a varied career. He was born in England. but went to Australia as a boy and spent some time in the Australian Army. He then became an accountant. His first brush with computers occurred when he returned to Britain in the sixties and worked for Hawker Siddeley.

A spell in a software house then led to a job with the industrial & Commercial Industrial & Commercial Finance Corporation. ICFC sent him to one of its clients. Blackwells the booksellers. Panton convinced them they needed a computing system, and stayed on for three years.

Telecomputing came next, when he saw a gap in the market for transaction processing software to run on ICL

The company is now converting all its software products, and by the end of 1984 they will run on IBM machines, as well as ICL. Beyond that are the opportunities thrown up by the applications backlog.

Telecomputing is no longer over a betting shop. It now has a £2m turnover, and last July moved to new offices. But Panton has kept the personal touch with his 80-strong staff by having a licensed bar on the premises, where beer is 40p a pint, and free on the last Friday



A home PC Christmas in Japan

The attempt to achieve compatibility between home computers took a step forward at the Japan Electronics Show in Osaka, when machines using the MSX operating system were shown by nine manufacturers - Hitachi, JVC, Matsushita, Mitsubishi, National, NEC, Sanyo and Toshiba, writes Roger Woolnough.

MSX has been developed by Microsoft Corporation of the USA, which designed the MS-DOS operating system for the IBM Personal Computer. For MSX, Microsoft has collaborated with several of Japan's electronics manufacturers with the aim of achieving a hardware and software standard for low-end 8-bit micro-

computers.

Much of the interest at the Osaka show was in the ability to swap MSX games cartridges between machines from different manufacturers, but fears that standardisation would produce identical machines were dispelled. Sixteen designs were on show.
The Osaka show could herald

the long-awaited entry of Japanese manufacturers to the home computer market. The new computers are expected to dominate Christmas offerings in Japan, retailing at between £160 and £200. Software based on ROM cartridges is being offered at around £12.

More holiday bookings are being made with computers. Since it launched its Holidaymaster online reservation service for the travel trade earlier this year, Barlo Computing Services has received orders worth £500,000. The latest irm to adopt the system is Holiday Experience, a specialist tour operator.

Baric offers the Holidaymaster package on its ICL ME29 with an interactive viewdata link, which can be accessed directly or over Prestel Gateway. The booking service provides deposit and final balance invoices, tickets and manifest documents.

demand.

The country's largest hotel groups, Ladbroke, which offers specialist weekend packages for bird watchers, racegoers and steam enthusiasts is moving into modern technology in the New Year, when it starts a series of regional computer appreciation weekends for business executives suffering from technophobia.

It will offer full "hands on" sessions, dealing with word processing, financial forecasting, communications, and information storage and retrieval, and show

storage and retrieval, and show how the micro can be used in their Own businesses.

Christmas micro buyers will have their last chance to see a selection of hardware and software under one roof this week, at the Your Computer Christmas Fair at

Wembley Conference Centre from Thursday to Sunday.
The newly expanded Dragon 64 will make its debut, and a number of new peripherals for other machines will be on show.

Software galore will be demonstrated, puzzles, games, home utilities and educational packages. A new information package for the Commodore 64 machine will be

shown by Precision Software. "Superbase 64" is a sophisticated database which offers help screens and handles record sizes of up to 1,100 characters. It is compatible with the company's word processing packages. On Saturday there will be a pools forecasting program running.

Two new packages almed at milcro owners who grow plump, sitting at their keyboards, are both based on dietary programs. Penguin is seiling a package consisting of the top-selling "Filan Diet" paperback, and a cassette program based on the calorific and fibre contents of foods listed in the book.

THE TIMES **National Computer Competition**

Early in the New Year, following the success associations or enter as individuals, will be of The Times Classroom Computer Comperequired to provide a proposal in no more tition, which has attracted thousands of entries, Computer Horizons will be launching a national competition which will be open to all. The aim of the competition is to find up, will be selected and the ten winners take the best original use of a microcomputer for a socially aseful purpose, which could be a London Computer Festival. There will be novel computer program or the innovative valuable prizes and the national winners will use of a computer peripheral. Contestants, have the opportunity of demonstrating their who may represent schools, colleges, clubs or applications at the Festival.

than 1,000 words for judging on a regional basis. Ten regional winners, with runners-

Mark and Julian win the eleventh competition

Classroom Computer eleventh Competition. They are Mark Inskip of Blythe Bridge High School, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent and Julian Foad of Farnham Common Middle School, Farnham Common,

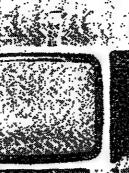
made by a tie-break question. Mellor, Aberdeen Grammar

Two boys, aged 17 and 11 years, are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer eleventh both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, and a personal gift of the The Times Atlas of World History.

The eight runners-up are Elizabeth Pullips, St. Margarets School, Bushey, Watford; James The winning decision was East Kilbride, Scotland; Paul

School, Aberdeen, Scotland; Debbie Luck, Worle School for girls, Weston-super-Mare, Avon; Judith Russell, Bury

Grammar School for girls, Bury; John Robinson, Seevic School, South Bewfleet, Essex; Chris-topher Lowe, Boroughmuir High School, Edinburgh, Scot-land, David Ress, Ashfield School, Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts. Each will receive a Times Atlas.



JULIAN FOAD (above) has had a Spectrum learnt Basic and Machine Code programming.



since last Christmas, and is now working on a He has a computer studies "O" level, and hopes computerised control system for his model train to study electrical or computer Engineering when layout. He has also written the inevitable games. His latest is a skiing game. Slalom. His school has wood, uses RML 380Zs in the computer room, one RML machine, which was bought by the PTA, and uses it for a variety of tasks including simple geometry, a shopping program, and familiarisation of compass bearings.

MARK INSKIP (right) has recently upgraded to lessons, and there are plans to add word A new company, Silverlind, is marketing a "Master Diet Planner" which has been written by a pair of Scottish academics (recipes include Scotch eggs and pancakes).

PTA, and uses it for a variety of tasks including terminals. There are 120 pupils taking the simple geometry, a shopping program, and familiarisation of compass bearings.

MARK INSKIP (right) has recently upgraded to dude Scotch eggs and pancakes).

They will also be on call for

advice and assistance when

teachers feel the need. A

meeting of participating teachers will be held midway through

the 8-week period as a means of mid-term informal evaluation.

Under phase three, teachers

will provide information for a

more formal evaluation pre-

pared by the project team, who

will also interview teachers and

children. The team expect to

have analysed and written up

planned whereby all aspects of the project will be recorded on

video by the Polytechnic's own

video unit. Some 8 to 10 hours

of raw video material will be

edited down to a 20- to 30-

minute program. This could be

used to raise awareness among

potential uses of interactive

Thorn EMI experiment,

dent evaluation team.

watching closely.

cent Thompson, of CET, said: "We are delighted to see a

manufacturer taking the needs

of education seriously and

welcome the use of an indepen-

video in schools.

An additional video project is

the data by Spring 1984.

The job prospects in software work has almost completely bypassed America'a large black JOB SCENE

Women

lagging behind

the men

The UK lags about 18 months behind the US in the

user application of new prod-ucts for data processing but the

gap in terms of computer jobs may be bigger.

A recent extensive survey of US software workers shows where the UK industry should be in about two years' time.

One of the most important

discoveries of the survey, which

is partly mirrored in similar surveys in the UK, is that job

satisfaction has little to do with

But, at the same time, the

survey shows that when all the factors of education and pos-

ition within the hierachies of

software workers are taken into

The picture of the typical

software worker that emerges is that he is male, aged around 32,

white and had 16 years in

school. The average salary for

all those software workers who

do not have management

responsibilites is \$26,300.

Supervisors have a \$32,000

average, middle managers \$34,000 and upper level managers on the software side \$62,000.

account women will get only 59% of the pay men get.

pay levels.

Richard Sharpe population, the investigators report, while the racial minority that is most highly represented in the small proportion of minorities is Chinese.

The research has been undertaken by Dr Philip Kraft, professor of sociology at the State University of New York, and Steven Duboff, study director at the Centre for Survey Research, University of Massachusetts.

In their report on the survey findings Kraft and Dubnoff said: "Our study confirms a widely-held perception that women have established a significant presence on software work: 24% of the software workforce is female...Software jobs promise to remain open to women. About equal numbers of women and men entered the field in the two years immediately preceding our study, 1980-1981."

The discrepancies between the levels of pay for the amount of managerial content to the job undermines an important conventional wisdom in the industry.

teachers and others about the "In spite of the talk about the financial rewards available to scarce technical specialists in The Council for Educational software work, as in the rest of the corporate world, the re-Technology has been keenly wards go to managers, not to technicians, engineers or scieninterested in interactive video and commissioned John Duke's state-of-the-art report, published in July. Welcoming the tists.

"With respect to gender, if generalists are rewarded with higher pay then specialists, then the generalists tend to be men while the specialists tend to be women. In programming, we have not found any evidence of a strong relationship between technical skill and high pay." Despite these discrepancies,

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In addition to CET, it seems likely that the DoI will be job satisfaction is high.

New world of the video goodies

By Jacquetta Megarry new British videodisc system from Thorn EMI Videodisc was presented to the EPIC third annual Interactive Technology Briefing by Peter Morley, its programme director. Far away from the high technology bustle of the conference, five primary teachers were being introduced to the VIID machines they are about to use in their classrooms by Colin Mabley of the School of Education and Humanities at

North London Polytehnic. He is conducting an independent evaluation of some video-disc material which was lent, along with five VHD players, by Thorn EMI who are auxious to find out how teachers and pupils react to the material. Peter Morley is a well-known

maker of award-winning documentary programmes, and was

Science" series. Although these were developed for videodisc, they were also trasmitted in conventional "linear" form by Channel Four at 4.30 pm.
Audience reaction - from parents, children and teachers was enthusiastic. Very little is known about

what makes good interactive combination are very wide, video, however, and Thorn Thorn EMI has also an-EMI looks on the materials as experimental. The free loan of the equipment and disc seems motivated more by professional interest than any commercial or marketing expectation.

into the programmes is comparatively modest, a reference section provides the equivalent of a random-access animated visual encyclopaedia. However, using the optional computer interface (£95) it should be restriction in hardware copabilithe provides the tour operator with statistical and financial information, so that booking levels can be monitored every day. In this way, managements can take quick mentary programmes, and was interface (£95) it should be restriction in hardware copability of the control the disc to control the disc ty so much as a total absence of through the Centronics interprogrammes from his splendid face using any suitable microwith. This results from the twin computer and simple BASIC barriers of the costs of designing

print statements. Two of the and producing video material schools have BBC Microcomputers, and although certain refinements like superimposing computer text and graphics on to video pictures would require a special chip which is not yet available, the possibilities stemming from this hardware

nounced the AHD system with four digital channels which can store many combinations of computer data, still pictures or sound. VHD and AHD can be combined on a single disc, and The level of interaction built the functions are available on the same player. There are immense possibilities in such a flexible system. However, the real barrier to

progress in educational interactive video has hitherto not been

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suitable for interactive use, and also the cost and commitment to a particular company involved in a disc mastering and pressing.
In the VHD system, which is

cheaper than most, disc mastering cost £1.750 per 60-minute side excluding video production and prior editing pressing is £23 per disc at the minimum level of 10 discs. Discs are incompatible with optical discs like Laservision, though the VHD system has the advantage that it can cope with both UK and US colour video standards (PAL and NTSC). The VHD players cost £395 each. The five junior-schools are in

various parts of inner and outer London and have been chosen to give a spread. Teachers have been recruited individually, including two head teachers. two class teachers and one peripatetic teacher. The programmes on the disc are Electric Universe". "Fantastic Power of Air" and "Air at Work" (25 minutes each).

science documentary called "Mysteries of the Great Whales". The programmes are aimed at 9 to 11-year-olds, and the teachers will have considerable latitude in deciding how to

The project is in three phases. Phase One began last week when the teachers were introduced to the equipment and took it home to experiment with. Then they will draw up plans for its integration into their normal curriculum practical, giving a rationale for their decisions.

This will form the basis of a "negotiated agreement to pro-ceed" with the directers of the project. Procedures for systematic monitoring and final evaluation procedure will be included in the plans for the

Under phase two, for around two months early next year teachers will have the equip ment in their schools and use i in line with their plans. The NELP/SEH project team will visit the schools from time to time to observe and discuss its uses with the teachers.



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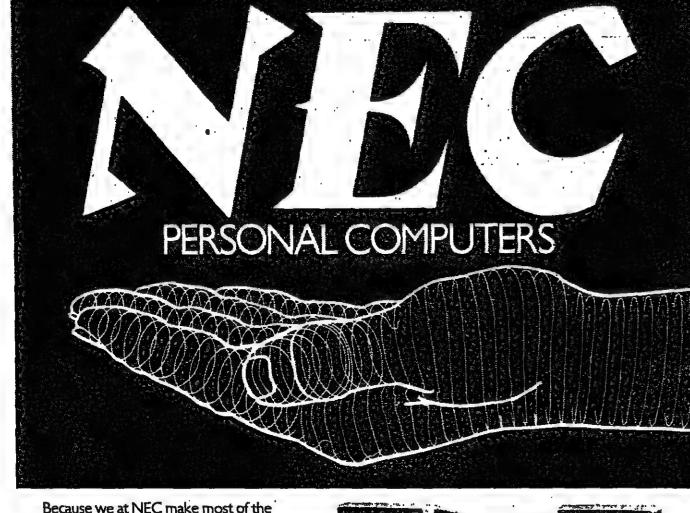
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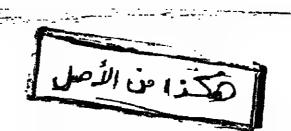
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Instant research from computerized Hansard

Short cuts at the Commons

stored on computer (The Times, December 8) will be very welcome to those who daily pore through Hansard looking for items relating to particular topics of interest.

Instead of hours of tedious nainstaking research, the computer can do the searching for them in a matter of seconds at the press of a few keys on the terminal keyboard.

offered by Scicon, the computer as part of the external Polis proceedings at Westminster (Parliamentary On-Line Infor-which are produced in com-

Polis is a computerized ie, from June 22 this year. which provides users with index has shown that the majority details on any subject covered in parliamentary papers, including Hansard, on-line.

Analysis of Polis enquiries has shown that the majority relate to the proceedings over the previous 12 months. Scicon therefore plans to extend the

The system was developed by Scicon for the Commons' Library to enable the library to the last Parliament, ie, Novemprovide a rapid service for beloing MPs find information among the plethora of publications produced as a result of because the demand for such described in Computer Horizons

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terminal users to key in Polis ters of information) the comsearch words relating to the pany originally planted to topics they are interested in, obtain a list of index references obtain a list of index references and previous sessions, and to where the topics are mentioned discard Hansard reports more in the Hansard text, and then display the appropriate text for beginning of each new session.

cach reference. The cost of storing data is
The test stored in the falling, however, and with the
database is as up to date as the possibility of low-cost methods publication of Hausard itself, of high volume data storage



Frank Brown

there being a day's delay between a given session and the Hansard report on that session being entered into the computer.

Coverage is confined to The new service is being proceedings in the Chamber of the House of Commons, because services company owned by BP, at present these are the only mation System) service Scicon puter-readable form. The Hanruns on behalf of the House of sard text stored covers the Commons services committee.

> therefore plans to extend the coverage of the new service back to the start of the last session of ber, 1982,

There are no plans to go back further than this at present, sentary business. It was information is likely to be small. Indeed, with the high cost of The new service enables ings (about 150 million characrestrict coverage to the current than twelve mouths old at the

able sext year, the company is likely to retain stored Hansard information indefinitely.

The new service is unlikely to reduce the number of subscriptions to Hansard, because subscribers will still want to have copies in their libraries.

The service is mainly almed



according to Michael Bunbury, manager of Scienn's information systems. "It saves them the time and effort of going to the nearest library and looking through them for items of information on a particum subject.

"It also enables them to be aware of events in Parliament of interest to them much earlier than they would do otherwise. Many organizations circulate a single copy through one or more departments. Thus. readers may not see a particular issue until some days or weeks

Another reason why the service is unlikely to affect subscriptions to Hansard is the cost of using the service, which is geared to periodic referencing, rather than large-scale text

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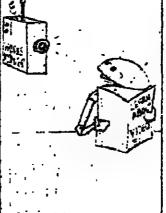
An annual subscription for Hansard daily by post costs £260. To access the Scicon's Hansard service involves be-coming a Polis subscriber, which means an investment of up to £3,500 or more in terminal equipment if you do not have the equipment already, and paying a Polis access charge of £55 an hour (92p a minute) plus 20p per Hansard column assessed.

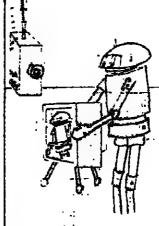
There is also the cost of the call to Scicon's computer in Militon Keynes. Access can be via telephone line, which can be at local call rates from London and Maochester as well as Milton Keynes, or via any British Telecom PSS data communications node, of which there are about 20 throughout the country.

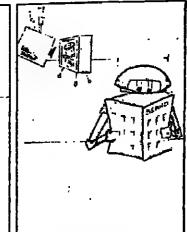
Reaction of existing Polis users to the new service has been generally enthusiastic. than a third have contracted to take it. Currently there are more than 80 users of Polis including overseas, as well as UK, organizations. Among them are government departments, local authorities, public corporations, universities, and public relations consultants who look after client's parliamentary interests.

EEC, the European parliament, and government organizations largest undertaking. It is envising Australia and New Zealand. aged as a distributed system









FO planning for electronic mail

By Maggie McLening

,500 microcomputers in its UK departments over the next processor. three years, and up to 200 larger systems overseas.

Most of the London-based

machines (1,400) will form an internal electronic mail service, with the remaining 100 used to run a personal application for the combined FCO and ODA staff of 9,000, Overseas, the FCO plans to supply consulates with administrative and comready started the operation in the US and West Germany. Provisionally estimated to cost between £5-10 million, the

FOLIOS (Foreign Office London Integrated Office System) electronic office network is the largest undertaking. It is envis-

If the Central Computer and with information "nodes" based Telecommunications Agency on micros with hard disk gives the go-ahead, the Foreign storage in 80 departments Office intends to instal about linked by an electronic mail service run on a central

Individual workstations would have word processing, electronic filing, and compute-nzed diaries and telephone directories, plus the ability to send messages anywhere in the network. The FCO has to deal with

large quantities of text, much of which arrives in telegrams, and all of it has to be handled mercial systems, and has al- quickly. Although external communications are advanced, the internal system is extremely slow, with documents taking up to three weeks to complete circulation, and FOLIOS is intended to speed up the flow and cut down the costs involved.

"The FCO Communications

Division has a project for January, Procurement is then message handling and this will likely to take place by the end of eventually be linked up the FOLIOS, explained Mr Adrian Thorpe, head of Information Technology. "We aim to recoup the cost of the system over 10 years from savings on material

about 10 million photocopies a year and the subsequent shredding of classified docu-Although the FCO originally considered this type of system as early as 1969, no suitable computer equipment was then available, so the idea was shelved until 1981, when Pactel

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give their comments. was commissioned to carry out a strategic study. Pactel retaken to the Staff Records ported the results in 1982 and System (known as STARS), and the FCO is now following the

1984, with systems being installed during 1985/6.

Mr Thorpe is working closely with the Civil Service unions. and says that so far they have shown a "positive attitude and great enthusiasm". The FCO has set up a dummy system to help clarify requirements expressed by three steering committees representing a wide cross-section of potential users. have visited the simulated electronic office voluntarily to

A similar approach has been the Overseas Programme. The recommendations made, work- FCO personnel department is ing with software house Logica experimenting with ICL's Per-to produce a full study for sonnel 20 package running on submission to the CCTA in DRS 20s, as a pilot exercise.

All the fun of the micro stocking, maths included

With only another eleven shopping days to go, here are a few more suggestions for the micro-stocking, writes Geoffrey

Two new Learn Basic packages for users of the Spectrum and Dragon contain a step-by-step book, supported by two cassettes with exercises and programs illustrating the points made in the

book. From Logic 3, at£12.95. Another name new to the games market is Mogul, division of the video company, It has launched 13 games for all of the popular home machines. They range from arcade games such as Creator's Revenge for the Commodore 64, Super Trek for the Oric, 64 and Vic20, to a classic adventure pack taking more than

six hours to solve. There is a new database available for the Spectrum: Data Genie comes from Audiogenic and it uses the "non up" menu style of the more expensive be more to micros than game

modest£9.95. Commodore 64. This consists of help brighten up learning at a a tablet and stylus, disk-based number of levels.

UK events. Your Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, December 15-18. Which Computer? Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 17-20.

Northern Home Entertainment Show, Excelsior Hotel, Manchester Airport, January 19-22. Acom Education Exhibition, Centeral Hall, Westminster, January

25-27. Statindex 84, Earls Court, London, January 28th - 1st January. Peripherals Suppliers, Cunard

software and instruction manual It enables the user to create high quality illustrations with commands like brush option, colour palette, and the built-in selection of pre-formed shapes. This

comes at around £90. New home user book titles include the Penguin Computing Book, a substantial paperback of 450 pages by Susan Curran and Ray Curnow, which starts with an historical look at the subject, goes on through various aspects of the technology, deals with the different languages and ends with various applications. It sells at £5.95.

Other titles more useful in an instant way are those which carry listings and routines. Representative of these are Winning Games on the Vic 20. selection of all the old faithfuls, distributed by John Wiley at £5.95.

If you feel that there should Magpie system. This one sells at a playing, then Maths+Compu-modest £9.95. lers=Fun, by Geoffrey Childs at Another goodie from Audio- £6.25, should solve your diis a graphics tablet for the, lemma. It is full of listings to

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First-half rise of 88% for reshaped Crown House

Crown House, the conglomerate whose interests range from glass and tableware to property and electrical installations has announced an 88 per cent rise in profits for the first-half-up from £580,000 to £1.09m

The shares rose to a record high of 105p as the City approved the reshaped comany.

Best and May, the electrical wholsale side of the business, services which contributed

giving a balance of £4m of cash profit. over borrowings at the end of September. "We have no active acquisition programme," said the closure of one of the two

Baker Perkins, the food,

printing and chemical machin-ery group, yesterday reported a dramatic improvement in its

trading performance in the half-

Buoyant sales of printing and biscuit machinery contributed to the turnround from losses of

£783,000 at the same stage last

year to September 30.

riair year to 30.5.03
Pretax profit £1.092m (£580,000)
Stated earnings 2.8p (1.5p)
Turnover £74.13m (£78.69m)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (2.25p)
Share price 105p Yield 7.8

Mr Patrick Edge-Partington, the

whoisale side of the business, electrical and mechanical services, which contributed services, which contributed £636,000 – d. own from £1.1m £635.05m – £502,000 cash and £4.548m to repay loans.

The money was used to build up the company's cash balances, giving a balance of £4m of cash profit.

efficient productoin of the Denby products are beginning to show in profits.

Employment services contributed £113,000 up form £82,000 and the property and finance division made losses of £23,000 compared with profits of £99,000.

Mr Edge-Partington said the property business was "a side-line" and the losses were the result of one or two developments in progress being sup-ported by tental income.

The lower profits in the engineering divisions stem mainly from the contract completion. The final figures for the year should be about the same as last year.

Perkins recovers to £1.56m profit

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year to pretax profits of £1.56m The result was achieved on

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Turnover £17.04m (£20.9m)
Net Interim dividend nii p (same)
Share price 49p up 1p

Sangers is planning to inject fresh working capital into its photographic business by float-ing it on the Unlisted Securities Market early next year.

Market early next year.

The decision to split the photographic wholesale business from Sangers' other interests in property and manufacturing was announced yesterday. It came after Sangers reported reduced pretay losses reported reduced pretax losses of £157,000 for the six months to August 31, compared with losses of £416,000 at the same

stage last year.
Th group's shares rose by 1p to 49p on the news.

Full details of the flotation will be published shortly, but Sangers indicated that it would retain a majority stake At the interim stage Sangers'

photographic interests contrib-uted £361,000 to trading profits, against £251,000 last time. The main reason for the heavy group losses was the £348,000 cost of maintaining **APPOINTMENTS**

New executives for **British Petroleum**

has been appointed chairman and Mr Horton a managing

Lloyds Bank International: Mr F. M. P. Riding has become principal manager, Far East division. Mr John D. Harris has joined LBI and is appointed director, merchant banking serivces - Asia, based in Hongkong Mr Toshio Kwaska-mi has joined the bank as director, international securi-

ties.

J. Besso & Company: Mr
Jonathan M. Cowan has joined the board. FennocScandia, London: Mr Leslie A. E. James has been made chief dealer, foreign exchange.

Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby: Mr Paul Massey has been elected a vice-president. British Airways: Mr Alistair Cumming, at present manufac-turing director of Rolls-Royce, Bristol, is to become engineering director from January 1. Mr John Garton at present director of engineering at British Air-ways will continue as chairman of British Airways Engine Overhaul and advise the board on engineering matters. He is to retire next March.

has been appointed deputy chairman in addition to his present duties as group manage ing director. Mr Christopher R. Bean, financial director, ad-ditionally becomes deputy group managing director.

STC Business Systems: Mr Michael O'Loughlin, until recently chairman, European operations, with the Chloride Group, is to be managing

International Bank: Mr S. H. Wright, who has resigned as chairman and chief executive, is being succeeded by Mr K. F. Einfeld for the time

Wedgwood: Mr James Moffat has been appointed assistant managing director and will take up his new post on January 2. His responsibilities as chief executive of Franciscan Cer-amics will be assumed by Mr Raymond Smyth, who will become president of that com pany in addition to continuing as president of Josiah Wedg-

Invest in Britain Bureau: Mr David Harrison-Harvey of IBM United Kingdom has been seconded for about two years to the bureau as commerci

Cambridge University elections and awards

The following elections and awards have, been made at Cambridge University:

Whitehall brief Think Tank rethink

Professor John Ashworth, vice-chancellor of Salford University and former chief scientist in the Central Policy

Review Staff (CPRS), chooses some unusual venues disclosing his thoughts on government. But it pays a Whitehall-watcher to keep an eye on his lecture circuit.

For example, in his address to the Manchester Statistical Society in November, 1982, he predicted the demise of the Think Tank which be had left in 1981; he was seven months ahead of reality.

In a recent lecture to the Royal Signals Institution, he said: "Advances in technology have transformed societies within the last generation . . .but no such breakthroughs seem to have occurred in the capacities of governments."

Professor Ashworth went on to concur with Sir John Hoskyns, former senior policy adviser to Mrs Thatcher, about the strategic thinking gap in Whitehall. But what innova-tions did Professor Ashworth

 Britain needs professional ministers able to run their

 Ministers need to know how to bandle complicated data and advice fed to them. ● They need a reformed Whitehall machine to help them; each Cabinet minister having his own, French-syle cabinet with a revived CPRS at

the centre pulling it all How would Professor Ash worth make this transformation occur? "First, MPs should be allowed a day-release schem to be educated, to understan how the Administration actu ally works, so that it is not inevitable that if you are a professional politician you are an amateur minister.

"We had the greatest diffi-culty in the Think Tank in getting ministers to accept anything that was not on paper. though we could slip in the odd pie-chart. But the kind of multi-media presentation IBM put on as a matter of course just bamboozied ministers. Prof Ashworth was right about the death of the CPRS. How does he rate the chance of a resurrection? "I am almost

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Minister will have some

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Reging v Hillingdon Health that the hospital was still part of the importance by the legislation. The Authority, Ex parte Goodwin and Others Before Mr Justice Woolf

[Judgment delivered December 12] An area health authority which had failed to consider arrangements made with its medical committee and how those arrangements could be terminated acted unlawfully in its decision to close one of its ruitage hospitals, albeit on a temporary basis, without consulting

that committee. However, the actual taking of the decision was not unlawful, and it was neither ulira wires to seek to close the hospital before expiry of the period of notice required to be given to each member of the committee nor for the district administrator to seek to terminate all the contracts of those members

at once.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review of Or Paul Raymond Goodwin and other general practitioners of the Northwood Printer and District Hospital against the decision of the Hillingdon Health Authority taken on September 27, 1983 temporarily on September 27, 1983 temporarily to close that hospital.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the applicants; Mr Adrian Whitfield, QC and Mr

Michael Lerego for the respondent

not yet closed the hospital pending relation to the question of tempor-the decision of the court.

It was, as a cottage hospital, run by a committee of general practitioners that had a well-established role in relation to the hospital. The authority had a statutorily defined 1977, and a contract existed

The resources of the health service were governed by section 97 of the 1977 Act as amended by section 6 of the Health Services Act 1980 which placed upon an authority the clear duty to balance its budget to ensure that its expenditure did not exceed its statutory income as defined in the statute. The authority's decision to close was taken without prior consultation so as to contain expenditure and without the giving of the three months' nature. of the three months' notice.

His Lordship adopted the approach of Mr Justice Cook in a case from New Zealand, CREEDNZ Inc v Governor General ([1981]] NZLR 172) and concluded that the contract between the doctors and

money raised by persons interested that it was quite wrong for the in the hospital. The authority had authority not to have regard for it in

His Lordship rejected the conten-tion that the decision taken on September 27 for temporary closure was prejudging the matter and meant in effect permanent closure. relationship with that committee The decision was for temporary under paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 of the National Health Service Act follow after the full consultative process had been gone through.

between the general practitioners and the authority.

Where the statutory responsibility of the authority to meet its financial restraints was involved, then the existence of the contracts between the doctors and the authority placed upon the authority the requirement to consider those contracts but it did not prevent the authority from reaching its decision on temporary closure when it considered that was its public duty. and, since it was the policy of the hospital authority to close the hospital permanently, it was appropriate for the authority to authorize the administrator to terminate the appointment of the

His Lordship concluded that the decision of September 27 had to be quashed so that the matter could be considered by the authority in a short time in a proper manner. That did not affect the steps the authority could take in terminating the Michael Lerego for the respondent health authority.

Mr.JUSTICE WOOLF, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said

Contract between the doctors and the authority was a matter the authority was a matter the authority was a matter the could take in terminating the authority was entitled to take into appointment of the doctors.

Solicitors: Mr.T. J. Rose, Hayes; J. Tickle & Co.

lifted the suspension and withdrew

the requirement for the plaintiff to undergo a medical examination; He continued to receive his allowy

during the period of his suspension.

wrongful dismissal, having conclud-ed that it was not possible for him to

return to work at the hospital. The

defendants were in breach of contract in requiring the plaintiff to submit to a medical examination

and suspending him from duty. The plaintiff was entitled to damages for loss of income from his private practice, and to damages arising from the defendant's breach

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Surgeon wins damages for distress

Bliss v South East Thames said that the plaintiff was a part-Regional Health Authority Before Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment delivered December 9] Damages were awarded to an orthopaedic surgeon for the distress. frustration and vexation caused to him by a hospital authority's breach ntract in requiring him to and suspending him from duty for his refusal to submit to such an

Mr Justice Farquharson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in giving judgment for the plaintiff, Mr Anthony Rex Bliss in the sum of

Michael Brompton for the plaintiff. On his return he was formally Mr Jonathan Playford, QC and Mr required by the chairman of the

Sentence in breach

Regina v Davis (Lloyd George) Where a man aged 18 who had pleaded guilty to robbery, burglary and assault occasioning actual hodily harm had been dealt with by way of an order for 160 hours community service, it was not wrong in principle to substitute a sentence of six months youth

time consultant in orthopaedic and accident surgery at the Medway Hospital in Gillingham. He also maintained a private practice.

A professional dispute arose

between the plaintiff and a colleague which resulted in a heated exchange of correspondence between them while the plaintiff was on six months' leave of absence in Australia. The colleague, a Mr Hay. referred the correspondence to the regional medical officer, Dr Forsythe, and invited him to suspend the plainuff from his return. Dr Forsythe discussed the matter with a subcommittee of the medical

Annony Kee Biss in the sum of 19,700 including £2,000 for distress, against the defendant health authority.

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr behaviour. patients as a result of the plaintiff's behaviour.

On his return he was formally

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Mr Justice Borcham and

Mr Justice Nolan) so held on December 8, dismissing an appeal spainst senience by Mr Lloyd

arising from the despitant is oregan-of contract in respect of his distress, frustration and rectation, since it was reasonably foresceable by the parties that the piddutiff, on being required to undergo a psychiatric examination and being suspended on his refusal, would suffer injury of Charles Gibson for the defendant authority to undergo a medical licalth authority.

MR JUSTICE PARQUHARSON plaintiff refused, whereupon the The regional medical officer and the chairman of the authority, although they did, not consider the annough they only not consider the requirement of a modical examination to be particularly grave, must have realised the effect it would have on the plaintiff as well as the custody if he breached that order. affect that he had already completed four-fifths of the service ordered.

subsequent suspension. A pro-fessional man was peculiarly vulnerable when the balance of his mind was brought find question. Solicitors: Araces & Court, Maidstone; Bird & Bird.

wife's claim for payments

Cook v Cook Before Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Lord Justice Fox [Judgment delivered December 12] A court had jurisdiction to dismiss a wife's claim to penodical

payments without her consent where also had consented to forgo such claim in an earlier deed of separation subject to the approval of the court and the court saw no ground for refusing to approve it.
The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mrs Lynda Cook against Judge Stockdale's order in chambers on June 2 dismissing her claim to periodical payments for herself. Mr Simon Buckhaven for the wife, Mr Nicholas Mostyn for the

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the wife had submitted that the relevant consent to dismissal of her claim for periodical payments was a consent given to the court at the date of the

In Dipper v Dipper ([1981] Fam 31), it had been held that the court could not dismiss a claim by a wife for periodical payments for her own maintenance unless she had consented. However, there was nothing in the judgments to cast doubt on the proposition that a valid agreement, made subject to the approval of the court, could not be an effective consent for the purpose of conferring upon the court jurisdiction to dismiss a claim for periodical payments simply because a party subsequently at the hearing sought to resile from the obligations

On the contrary, the whole tenor of the speeches of the House of Lords in Aluxon & Birnow (1979]. AC 5931 had been that such an agreement should be upheld as a valid consent to dismissal of a matter, of construction it was intended to have that effect.
Solicitors: Gervaise-Jones & Sons, Edgware! Martin Potter & Co.

Abandonment of appeal cannot be withdrawn

Regina v Straker (David) Once an appellant had lodged a form abandoning his application for leave to appeal, that was treated as a refusal of leave by the full court and could not be withdrawn unless the appellant could subsequently show that it was a nullity because he had the taken a deliberate and informed decision to abandon the application.

The Court of Appeal (Caminal Division) (Mr Justice Borcham and Mr Justice Nolan) so stated on December 8 refusing an application by Mr David Straker, to have a notice of abandonment which he had signed on June I treated as a nullity.

Dismissing Ownership of bunkers after arrest of ship

age Inc v Elibanca-Ente Finan-ziario Interbancario SpA Before Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman

[Speeches delivered December 8] In deciding the ownership of unbroached bunkers of fuel on board a vessel which was arrested while on time charter in respect of an Admirally action in rem for the recovery of moneys owed by the shipowners, the basic principles of common haw of bailment applied.

Accordingly, so long as the contract contained in the charterthe right and duty to use and consume the bunkers of which they were the bailees for the purpose of carrying out such instructions to the master about the employment of the vessel as the charterparty granted them authority to give. The bunkers while aboard the vessel were at all material times the property of the

Upon cancellation of the charterparty the shipowners' right to use and consume the bunkers then remaining on board terminated and any contractual right they may have ad to retain possession against the charterers likewise came to an end.
The House of Lords so held
allowing an appeal by the charterers,
Stellar Chartering and Brokerage
Inc from a decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Kerr) who on March 4, 1983 (The Span Terza, The Times March 8, 1983; [1983] I WLR 632) upheld a decision of Mr Justice Sheen who on decision of Mr Justice ancen who on April 27, 1982 refused the charter-ers' application for a declaration that they were the owners of the bunkers of diesel and fuel oils on board the Span Terza and that they were entitled to the proceeds of sale

of the bunkers.
Mr.Anthony Evans OC and Mr.S.
Sarah-Miller for the Charterers, Mr.
Steward Boyd, OC and Mr. Simon Crookenden for the mortgagees.

LORD DIPLOCK said that for the purpose of deciding, the only issue in the appeal, the mortgagees of the Span Terza under an Italian. of the Span retra under an innam. Tound for the injurgaces, on the maringles granted by the shipowness: third and accordingly dismissed the could be treated as standing in the shoes of the shipowners, since the mortgage of a shipowners, since the mortgage of a shipowners, since the characters shall provided that "2" covered ships bunkers if they were the characters shall provide while on the property of the towners.

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bure continuously for longer than 25 days, as the Span Terza had by December 23, 1981 in consequence of the arrest.

The only question in the appeal was whether at the date of the sale of had an option to cancel the the unbroached bunkers they were charterparty or balance of it. then the property of the shipowners or the property of the charterers. If they were the property of the shipowners they formed a part of the security of the mortagagees who consequently had a secured claim on the proceeds of their sale; if it was the property of the charterers it was they who were entitled to the

proceeds of the sale. The bunkers had all been paid for the charterers. The question by the charterers. The question whether they were the property of the charterers after cancellation depended upon the true construc-

tion of the charterparty.
It was not contended by either party that anything that happened after the date of cancellation of the charterparty and before the date of the sale of the unbroached bunkers could have transferred the property

in them.

The mortgagees' claim was based upon three alternative propositions. First, that the property in the bunkers vested in the owners when the bunkers were delivered to the vessel, and remained vested in the owners throughout the period of the charterparties (the head and sub-

charters) and after they were cancelled, Second, if the first proposition was incorrect, then on the cancellation of the charterparties, the property in the bunkers vested in the owners by virtue of the express provisions of clause 3 of the

charterparties.
Third, if both the first and second propositions were incorrect, then on the cancellation of the charterparties, the property in the bunkers vested in the owners by virtue of an

-rejected the first proposition but found for the mortgagees on the second. On appeal from his decision the Court of Appeal agreed with Mr Justice Sheen on the first prop-pation, disagreed on the second but found for the mortgages, on the

covered ships' burders if they were the charterers shall provide while on the property of the burder?

The charterers, who were in fact sub-charterers, could be treated as 3. the charterers at the port of standing in the shoes of the charterers at the port of delivery and owners at the port of delivery on redelivery same alterations; type written additions; and, port of delivery, on redelivery same alterations; type written additions; and, port of delivery, on redelivery same alterations; type written additions; and prices for the equantity as on the span Terza was arrested in delivery, market price for balliverpool on November 18, 1981; on December 16, 1981 she was pay, for the use and him of the vessel coordinated and sold, and and sully 8, until the hour of the location of the layer and that time of sale, the sum realized for the excepted, to the owners (unless loss) bunkers amounting to US\$165,031. at dropping outward sca pilot one

war were to break out between any two of several named countries and clause 71 provided that if the vessel remained off hire continuously for longer than 25 days the charterers

In condition 2 the words "provide... and pay for", in condition 3 the words "take over and pay for and the reference to "price" were wholly inconsistent with the property in the bunkers being vested in anyone other than the charterers. The words would

Possession of all the bunkers once they were on board the vessel was no doubt vested in the shipowners as bailers who were under a duty to procure that they were used by the master in carrying out the orders master in carrying out the orders which the charterers were authorized by the charterparty to give him as to the employment of the vessel. The Court of Appeal were therefore right to reject the first proposition.

Considering the second proposition, condition 3 and the latter half of caredition 4 dealt with and

half of condition 4 dealt with and were confined to redelivery. Con-dition 3 dealt with what was to happen to the bumkers on board at the time of redelivery and as a matter of construction its express provisions were wholly inapt to apply to termination otherwise than pursuant to condition 4.

Stellar Chartering and Broker-age Inc v Elibanca-Ente Finan-spilon if the vessel remained off period for which it was granted if property of the charterers. The property of the charterers. The shipowners had possession of them

So long as the contract contained in the charterparty continued, the shipowners had the right and duty to use and consume the bunkers of which they were the bailers.
Upon cancellation of the charter-

party under condition 71, the shipowners' right to use and consume the bunkers then remaining on board terminated; but, of all bunkers that were on the vessel at that moment when the primary obligations of both parties under the charterparty not yet performed came to an end, the shipowners remained bailees of the charterers and any contractual right they might have had to retain possession as against the charterers likewise came

10 an end. Since the Span Terza was at the moment of cancellation, at a port within the redelivery range and without any cargo belonging to either the charterers or to third party bill of lading holders on board. no problems arose that called for the implication of any terms as to the

алу ригрозе. For that reason involving the basic principles of the common law of bailment the appeal was allowed. Lord Fraser, Lord Keith, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman

Considering the third proposition under the terms of the charterparty the bunkers while aboard the Span Holman, Fenwick & Willan.

Questions of parole not for the court

Regina v Dilworth Questions of parole were not for the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, Lord Lane, Lord Chief

Justice: said on Descenter, 12, when

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out of time for an extension of time which to appeal against sentence of 10 years' imprisonment imposed at the Central Criminal Court, in April 1982 by Judge Abdela, QC on contaction of six coasts of robbery and six counts of possessing a

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE sitting with Mr Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice MacPherson, said-

was in all the circumstances fair and proper. He sought to submit that, as a result of a possible change in parole policy, he and other prisoners convicted of certain types of offences much the owner probable at the time when he was sentenced.

This was one of a number of such applications and guidance—was necessary. Questions of parole were not for the Court of Appeal. Their Lordships had repeatedly said that sentences were; imposed by trial judges and reviewed by the Court of Appeal without research to the impact Appeal without regard to the impact to lack of impact of possible release on parole.

It followed that it was no ground for an extension of time or for leave

that the applicant accepted that to appeal that there might be or had when sentence was passed on him it been a change in parole policy.

Transfer of debenture free of equities

Hilger Analytical Ltd v Rank he accepted the basic proposition of Precision Industries Ltd and law that gansferees of dehentures

the Chancery Division on Decem-HIS LORDSHIP said that, while

right to transfer the debenture free of equities, and as far as the law permitted, it had been drawn so as

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Qadir teases and torments as he opens the door to victory for Pakistan

The sinewy fingers and supple wrists of Abdul Qadir are poised to turn the key that opens the door to a Pakistan victory in the third Test against Australia at the Adelaide Oval. With one day's play remaining in this see-saw contest Australia, in a dogged second innings effort still trail Pakistan by 65 with eight wickets in

Qadir, who humbled Australia by taking 22 wickets in three Tests when the two countries met on the sub-continent last year, was busily weaving a web around the Australian batsmen after being brought into the attack in the 13th over of the

He was quick to seize on worn marks on the pitch outside the off stump to the lefthanders and at times made the ball fizz and jump alarm-

Australia began the innings 159 in arrears, lost their firstinnings century maker Wessels for two in the third over, consolidated for a time with Phillips and Yallop and then faced the full attacking thrust of

In his second over he removed Yallop, to a splendid slip catch by Miandad, and, bowling unchanged through to stumps, proceeded to tease and torment Phillips and Hughes,

It must be pointed out that this has been a disappointing tour so far for Qadir. In the first Test in Perth he had figures of 1-112, in the second at Brisbane he returned 3-121 and in the first innings of this match he had just one wicket for 96 runs.

But he did take a sevenwicket haul in the second innings of the game against South Australia in this ground and he was almost bursting at the seams with enthusiasm when he was thrown the ball to

out clearly that he has the ability to win this game for Pakistan and level the series



Sydney Tests to go over Christmas and the New Year.

Pakistan have done remarkably well to get back into this game so strongly. After conceding the honours to Australia on the first day, they batted magnificently on the second and third to be on the threshhold of a huge advantage.

The long and patient stand between Miandad and Salim continued purposefully yesterday morning. The Australians plugged away, without ever really catching the eye or earnings, and a wicketless first session really turned the game in Pakistan's favour. Then, shortly before the new ball was due, spinner Hogan claimed Salim to end the partnership at 186. A record for the fifth wicket for Pakistan against Australia. It had been a grand performance by the young Salim to post a patient 77. He arrived in Adelaide from Pakistan only two days before the game began.

As for Miandad, his innings got out of first gear quite All of a sudden he was looping and landing his deliveries with control, and spelling eleventh century in all Tests and his fourth against Australia. The dismissal of Salim sparked a smart mop-up job by

wickets had added just 67 runs to a manmoth total. The architect of that was the veteran Lillee, who claimed the wickets of Sarfraz, Quadir, Bari and Azeem in the space of 18 deliveries to take his career tally

of Test wickets to 342.

It waste23rd time the world record holder had taken five or more wickets in a Test match more wickets in a Test match and the seventh time he had bagged six in an innings. He made light of this 34 years to send down 50.2 overs, just nagging away at the off stump. While Pakistan's hopes rest with Qadir, Australia's fate is in

the hands of Phillis (48) and Hughes (27). To make this game safe, one of the two must make a bit score. What a filip it would be for the series if Pakistan were to emerge winners after lack-lustre performances in the opening two encounters. Maybe it was the threat of an unhappy homecoming which spurred the Pakistanis on to greater heights

in this game. AUSTRALIA: First Innings 485 (K C Wesseld 179, A R Border 117 not out, G N Yallop 68 Aznem Halesz thre for 167).

Total (2 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8.2-44

PAKISTAN: Pirst Innings
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Zaheer Abbas c Yeliop b Hoggs
Salim Malik c Lawson b Hoggs
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Sarinaz Nawaz c Yeliop b Lifes
Abbul Cacif b Lifes
Wasam Barl c Merch b Lifes
Mohammed Nazir pot out.
Azgem Haldes c Wassels b Lifes

Rule Britannic Assurance

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

In future the county champion-ship will be sponsored by Britanuic Assurance. If their first venture into the spousorship of sport proves as successful as that of the Cornhill Insurance company, who helped to prounte Test cricket in this country, they will not regret it.

"You may well imagine what a pleasure it is for me to welcome Britanuic Assurance into the field", said C. H. Palmer, Chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. when announcing the new deal, which will last, initially, for three years and is worth a total of £750,000. It must have been a relief

Because the championship re-ceives relatively little television coverage it is not as lastantly attractive as some of the one-day Mir Palmer said, "It is the breeding ground for Test cricketers." From the last week in April until the second week in September it also gets extensive press coverage.

Mr Palmer louplied that the championship format will be the same in 1985 as it was this year and as it will be in 1984 - 24 matches that is, of three days each. If and when a change is made it could be to 16 matches of four days each, or to an entirely new set-up with the championships being divided into two sections of nine counties each,

with a system of promotion and

It may be with this in mind that the TCCB will discuss at today's winter meeting an application from Durham and Northumberland to join forces and make an 18th first-class county. Other minor counties have similar ambitious. The last county to be granted first-class status was Glamorgan in 1921.

One of the snags of admitting perland would Durham and Norther be the distances involved; another the streggie they would certainly have to become established.

The gulf bett minor county cricket has probably never been wider, not because firstclass cricketers are any better than they were but owing to their playing victory over Yorkshire in the Gillette Cup in 1973 remains one of only three occasions when a first-class county has been defeated by one of

The suggestion that there should a minimum of 117 overs in a full day's championship play will also be considered. The limitation of bouncers to one an over is likely to he shelved and another attempt will be made to phase overseas players out of the English game more quickly than is already happening.

Whatever is decided nothing can be more useful to the counties than aponsorship. For the best part of a year the finding of a successor to Schweppes, who had been identified with the championship since 1977 has been a top priority.

Over restriction could be eased

A radical rule change for next year's Benson and Hedges Cup will be proposed at tomorrow's winter meeting of the Test and County

each in the 55-over contest.

To give captains more options for

restricted to a maximum of 11 overs In its place the TCCB's cricket

committee recommends that three howlers should be limited to 15

team selections, it is proposed that bowlers should no longer be

overs apiece, with the captains deciding how the other 10 overs

Caribbean tornado hits India

and collected a fourth boundary by edging Holding over the slips.

Gavaskar refused to be curbed and

10 minutes later be played an even more outrageous shot to be caught

Gavaskar made 20 out of 29 and

before another run was added, Marshall brought one back to trap Vengsarkar low. The collapse

continued as Holding yorked Amarnath and in the final over

came in as nightwatchman and survived for ten minutes.

In the morning West Indies resumed at 179 for six and India

broke through after 37 minutes with the score 213 when Holding edged Maninder Singh. At the same score

Harper fell lbw to Kapil Dev. West Indies were then 28 runs behind India's total, But Robert's

by Dujon. It would be no surprise Gavaskar were dropped for the final test match beginning on Christmas

oite this narrow escape

Calcutta (Reuter) - India colinnings after a masterly innings of 161 not out by Clive Lloyd which put West Indies in command of the fifth test match here yesterday.

Today's rest day will be one of bitter reflection for the Indians who

yesterday had West Indies on the un at 88 for five. But Lloyd's 18th est match hundred lifted his side to 377, a lead of 136. India, with ball their second innings wickets gone, need a further 100 runs to avoid losing by an innings and going 3-0 down in the six-match series.

Lloyd's pariner in tebuilding the
West Indian innings was Andy
Roberts, the fast bowler, who made 68 and befored his captain add a

record 161 for the ninth wicket. Marshal and Holding did all the damage in India's second innings. In 11 overs before the close Holding took three for 11 and Marshall two Ecxept for Gavaskar, who threw

away his wicket by chasing a wide ball from Holding, the Indian batsmen were simply overwhelmed by fast, incisive bowling.

After 14 runs came from the first nine balls, Holding broke through when he bowled Gaekwad for four. Gavaskar had been throwing his bat at practically every ball he faced.

behind India's total, But Robert's arrival brought a change in fortunes and when the fast bowler was out in the final session he and Lloyd had improved by 39 runs West Indies' best ninth-wicket stand in a a Test match, beating the 122 put on by Hollord and Hendriks in Adelaide in 1968-69.

The highest West Indian stand **Limbabwe** in trouble

Colombo (Reuter) - Zimbabwe, 30 runs behind on first innings, plunged deeper into trouble when they opened their second innings on the third day of the four-day match against Sri Lanka here yesterday.

The Zimbabweans collapsed and lost three wickets for just 18 runs before Curran, 11 not out, and Pycroft, unbeaten on three, steadied the innings and took the touring side to 35 for three at the close, an overall lead of five runs. The Sri Lankan pace bowler, Asantha De Mel, did the damage, with two wickets for seven runs in six overs.

Sri Lanka resumed yesterday norming at 67 for two, and Sunithra a sparkling 65, helped his team to

thaul Zimbabwe's total of 201

and reach 231. Warnakulasuriya and Ariuna Ranatunge, who scored

43, put on 76 urns for the fourth wicket.

The hero of the first innings was the Zimbabwe captain, Traicos. Bowling off-spinners with tremendous accuracy, he captured five wickets for 30 runs in 29.4 overs, and bowled 15 maidens.

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Rebels toil on a dead wicket

PORT ELIZABETH, (AP) Eastern Province had scored 269 for six wickets yesterday at the close of play on the opening day of their three-day match against the touring West Indies rebel cricketers.

Playing a dead wicket at St George's Park, the rebel bowlers got little in return for their effort.

Young Daniell took the tion's share of an opening stand of 45 before Armitage went when he had scored eight. Daniell continued to set the pace and reached his half-century when he was caught by Murray, the wicket keeper, off Parry's offspin.

In a third-wicket stand Howell

After 12 years the Jarrow march is going from strength to strength

Why Cram will not sell himself down river of too many returns

The youngsters peering into the runners' hotel on the morning of last month's Gateshead international cross-country races missed their best autograph when a Sunderland supporter wove his way through them from behind, and came into the foyer. Steve Cram was on his way to his regular home fixture, via the race,

his regular home fixture, via the race, which fortunately comes during his seasonal rest, so he doesn't get asked by the local organizers to turn out on a course that is unsuitable for his long legs.

"I ran it once, years ago, and finished fifth in the boys' race – never again." Cram may have found it hard to negotiate the muddy, switchback course beside the Tyne estuary, but that is probably the only place where his sense of balance has deserted him. In the last two seasons, he deserted him. In the last two seasons, he has collected the European, Comonwealth and world 1500 meters titles, and he is the long-range favourite to pick up the fourth ace at the Los Angeles Olympics next

August.
Cram does not completely eschew crosscountry – the staple diet of the British club
runner. He even turned out in the English national, that stempede of 2,000, when he found out just before the race last March that there was not a hill on the course. That high-stepping, yet langourous stride took him to twenty-eigh position, and drew the appropriate comment from one club official - "like a thoroughbred".

Cram carries the patrician air off the track too. The slender frame, the aureole of curling, blond hair, complemented by a certain reserve, diffidence in response to questions, perhaps a little shy of all the attention. And there's been plenty of that recently. Cram has spent the last two months handing out as many prizes as he as received. In between regular hops down to London for awards, he has been in big demand locally at schools, homes and sports clubs since his victory in Helsinki

Memorable win

The succession of engage-ments have probably kept his weight down during the five-week rest from running that he took shortly after his memorable win over Steve Ovett at the Coke Meeting. Last year, when he stayed for a holiday in Australia following the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, he put on a stone inside a month.

"He's at some function, but honestly couldn't tell you where," said his mother on the phone in the hybrid Geordie accent which still retains traces of her native German. Nor could he remember all the functions when he turned up at the hotel on time, "except that I've been to at least one every day this week".

I he diary and the memory wanted to beat him again the following Saturday. He wanted to ease himself back into competition in the Brampton to Carlisle 10 miles road race, but he forgot that he had agreed to open a childrens' fete. The children did not go disappointed. This Saturday will not be double-booking though. It's wedding day for Cram and Karen Waters, whom he's known since

Cram is being specially careful about how he capitalises on his success in this new era for athletics, which is professional in all but name. It will be all too easy for athletes to sell themselves down the river of too many returns, like the tennis players have done, with a little help from management groups. "I haven't got an agent, or a manager, because I've always been dead against that sort of thing. I haven't gone into the market place to sell myself. I don't want athletics to become second to anything else".

Instead, he listens to offers, rejects them or says 'maybe', then consults an accountant in London who advises him. There is something coming up next month, just before he leaves for six weeks training and racing in Australia, ad he has just accepted a sponsorship from Vaux Breweries for an 'undisclosed sum', to set up training camps for young athletes in the north-east. But he was quick to emphase that it did not involve television adverts, or being linked with the company's product, which might seem like a waste to a lot of distance runners, who ingest their valuable carbohydrates from pint glasses.

A Type Tees Television documentary on Cram, to be screened this Monday, December 19, almost turned into a disaster movie when a groin strain and a pirouette off a soft drinks can provoked a long rest in early summer. It seems something of a miracle that Cram could miss 10 weeks of training and still win the world championships another six weeks later. But at 23, he is at that stage of his



Another success behind him, Cram reflects on the way ahead

career, still on the way in a sport that means so much to him, that he can almost will himself to stay fit throughout injury. "I'm convinced, in our business so

much of it is just about confidence. I mean, we all train up to a certain level anyway. Once you do that amount of training anything beyond that becomes almost insignificant. It must be, because I can't explain away having missed nearly 10 weeks of running, then coming out and having a season like that".

He pays tribute to Jimmy Hedley - "the centrepin of Jarrow and Hebburn AC" - the man who has coached Cram since he was 11, and who now serves, "as a great motivator". It is easy to see how he does that. Hedley says "I like winning, everybody likes a winner". Hedley is a vibrant man in his late fifties, whose face suffuses with enthusiasm as he builds up a verbal sprint. "He wasn't strong when he was a youngster, but Steven's got it all

Real talent

No amount of coaching will turn a donkey into a Derby winner. Nor is there any one coaching system or schedule that works any better than another. Each system has its adherents and champions, and in the end it is probably the relationship between the coach and athlete that counts more.

The meeting of real talent and inspirational coaching is so rare that no coach can count on more than one really successful athlete in a lifetime. Some of Cram's most famous middle distance predecessors are testimony to that. Herb Elliott and Percy Cerutty, Peter Snell and Arthur Lydiard, Sebastian Coe and his

But it is a finite teaching process. They agree that Cram virtually coaches himself nowdays - "I'd be worried if he couldn't." Hedley, said. "He says the right thing at the right time." Cram says. "I find it incredible that so many international athletes, if their coach told them to jump off the Tyne Bridge, they would. They're not prepared to think for themselves. For

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example, they've run in Olympic finals, and their coach hasn't but they're listening to what he says That's why Bren's filled in Both Cram and Hedley acknowledge the

debt to Brendon Forter. "Bren had experienced those things that Jimmy hadn't. In championship finals, he'd say, "this might happen, that might happen"."

Springboard

It was Foster's influence, as Britain's senior international half a dozen years ago which helped the 17-year-old Cram get into big races, which accelerated his rise to the top, In Helsinki, Foster spetted that the Moroccan, Said Aouita's tactic of raising the pace in the last 500 metres in the 1500m would provide a perfect springborad for Cram's winning sprint. And it was Foster who reassured Cram

that, "there were 99 ways I could beat Ovett, and only one way he could beat me", in the last big race of the season where Cram creditably accept the sort of confrontation that Coe and Ovett had avoided for so long. Ovett tried that one way, "sit on me, and kick past", but Cram was a hundred per cent that night.

But Cram is evidently his own man, and wants it to be known. "He [Foster] has been a big help, but I don't follow everything he says. He thought I was crazy to play football, for example". Cram has risked those golden legs in a charity match at Gateshead Stadium the previous

It may come as some small solace to England football supporters that this champion in one of Britain's most successful sports helped salvage a little national pride following the defeat by Denmark at Wembley. Cram was with some friends in a hotel near Regent's Park after the match, when some Danish fans wanted to emulate their team's victory, and challenged all-comers to a 400 metres in the park. They only recognised Cram after the race.

Pat Butcher

gamble From Sydney Friskin Hongkong At one of the leading hotels in this At one of the leading notes in fins overcrowded colony, the man in room 826 was busy last night doing his sums. Roger Self, the manager of the Great Britain team was working out the best possible combination to beat Malaysia in the crucial match today in group B of the ten nations ournament. On Sunday Self took a gamble which almost paid off. He put Imran Sherwani in charge of Britain's attack against Pakistan knowing that after his recent knee operation his mobility had been slightly impaired. Still, Sherwani took his chance to put Britain 2-1 ahead and came within inches of making this lead 3-1. Unfortunately Britain lost a good match by 6-3. For today's match Self is likely to For today's match Self is likely to gamble again by trying Kerly in the forward line and bringing back Hughes came on as a substitute for Westcott in Sunday's match and brought some stability to a defence which had in stability to a detence which had in one bright spell by Pakistan been knocked off balance. The British team were in the stands yesterday watching Malaysia beat China 3-0. China gave Malaysia a hard time and held them to a blank first half. Their resistance was finally broken yesterday when Kevin Nunis scored the first of Malaysia's three goals. Foo Keat Malaysia's lifet goals. Foo keat Scong scored the second from a short corner and Michael Chiew converted a late penalty stroke to give the Malaysians a clear margin of victory which they had earlier seemed likely to obtain. Today's match will decide whether Britain or Malaysia will accompany Pakistan into the semifinals. Pakistan, having won all three matches are at the top of the table with six points. Malaysia have played two matches and won both whereas Britain have played only in the other group Japan who defeated Hongkong 7-3 yesterday are on top with full points from two matches, but they are almost certain to be toppied from their pedesial by Australia whom they meet today. The most likely outcome in this group is that Australia will finish first and India second. Pakistan who gave four of their leading players - Shahid Ali Khan, Hassan Sardar, Ishtiaq and Manzoor Hussain a rest, were still much

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Romanian doubts over tour date

The Rugby Football Union's offer to Romania to play at Twickenham in January, 1985, has met with a certain reluctance in Bucharest, irrespective of the country's desire to fulfil what their captain, Paraschiv, describes as a dream. The domestic season is split in two because of a harsh winter. A good example was the march against the Soviet Union in Bucharest, when the temperature dropped to minus 10 degrees centigrade and the city was covered with a thick blantet of snow only a week after Wales' departure.

The first half of the season ends by the beginning of December and the championship recommences in early March. During the threeearly March. During the three-month gap the top clubs tour abroad, while the lesser ones move towards the south west of the country where the winter is milder. Early January the Romanians would be wholly unfit for such an important international fixture. Nobody can doubt Romania's willingness to play against England, but they wish to present themselves but they wish to present themselves as a genuine and powerful challenge and not just a mere sparring partner in a one-sided contest.

Assuming that Romania would Assuming that Romania would be able to gather the squad before the new year, they would need at least three or four warm-up games to reach the required form for such a game. They cannot afford to reject the new invitation, although they were initially invited by the RFU for a tour of England during September-October, 1984. The issue was again discussed in Toulouse last weekend, and Romaniam officials said they would be willing to travel said they would be willing to travel made 40 and Willey 28. Emslie was to January provided that the RFU undefeated with 60.

games before the international. The French president Albert Fernase said that France could provide Romania with two more games in December, 1984 prior to their arrival in England.

The Romanians have always always and the game against England the game against England the game against England to the provide a special to the game against England to the game against England as the ultimate recognition of their science. So far England have played against Romania at B and under-23 level and a game between their top sides could provide a thrilling

The Romanians have always

may have ended the Rugby career of John Davidson, the Moseley lock forward, has been disciplined by his club three months after the incident occurred. Alan Hill, Moneley's press officer, said yesterday: "We are satisfied with the disciplinary action taken and the matter is now closed."

play again. At the age of 29, it would hardly be turprising i he were to decide against it. I believe it is unfortainste that the clubs concerned have agreed not take public the action taken against the offender.

There can be ittle forgiveness for a player who takes the law into his ewa hands insuch a savage way, either by those most infimately

involved or by the game at large. It

that press and public did not see what led up to the incident. That is

Davidson incident over By David Hands

no excuse, even in the context of a traditionally fall full-blooded Anglotraditionally fall full-blooded Anglo-Welsh encounter.

Cyril Shaw, a member of the executive committee of the London Society of Referrers, adressing the 95th annual gathering of the society earlier this month, said that, in his opinion, selectors sometimes pick players who should never be inside a rugby club. That, repretably, is the truth, and it is the clubs themselves who bear the responsibility for weeding out these players. Otherwise there will be more John Davidsons and fewer parents inclined to encourage their children to take up rugby. taken and the matter is now closed."

After a private exchange of letters, neither clab will go further. The incident occurred during the game between the clubs on September 10, when the Swansen player broke Davidson's jaw and cheekbease with a punch. The injuries required three speratins and the player only refurned to work a fortnight ago.

Davidson will be having a further x-ray examination in January, after which he will assess whether he will play again. At the age of 29, it would

to take up regby. Still unbeaten

Haileybury Junior School, in Berkshire, defeated Caldicott, their strongest rivals, 12-3 at the weekend and concluded their season unbeaten with 13 wins and an aggregate total from five teams of 1.022 points. The first XV have scored 362 points, and it is the first time for 13 ways that time for 13 years that they have remained undefeated.

Irvine out injured By Iain Mackenzie

Andy irvine will not after all have

a direct confrontation with Gala's Peter Dods when Edingburgh meet the South of Scotland in an interdistrict championship match at Myreside on Saturday, Last season Dods took over from Irvine, capped 51 times by Scotland, when the Heriots player was injured.

Last weekend Irvine played for Edinburgh against Glasgow in what he hoped was the start of a comeback campaign. The high point for the national selectors in this Saturday's fixture was to have been a direct comparison between the two fullbacks, but Irvine has reported a shoulder injury and the Scotland B cap, Gavin Hastings, has replaced him.

Peter Steven (Heriots) and Ken Wilson (Boroughmuir) are also unfit respectively, by John Beazley (Edingurgh Wanderers) and Glen Millar (Heriots). Mark Watters (Watsonians) and Peter Brennan (Watsonians) and Peter Breman (Edinburgh Academicals) have replaced Phil Black (Boroughmiur) and Russell McIntyre EDNBLRGH, to Hashinga (Wastomana); J. Beazley (Eonburgh Wanderen), E. Karnedy (Watsonians, captain), D. Johnston (Watsonians, P. Hawitt (Heniots); D. Wylder (Stewart's Metholia P.P.). D. Macdonald (Musselburgh); A Brewster (Stewart's Maholia P.P., M. Watters, (Watsonians), I. Mine Pharota), G. Mälar (Heriots), John Caldor, Inn. Caldor, Finley Calder (all Stewart's Melville P.P. Pherman (Edinburgh Academicals).

Christchurch (Reuter) - Canter bury. New Zealand's top provincial side, have declined an invitation to Mery Barnett, president of the union's management committee, said arrangements had already been made for a tour to Singapore and

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Liverpool and Newcastle put weight behind PFA demands

unwitting central figures in the deepening dispute between the Professional Footballers' Association. They are the PFA delegates of their respective clubs, whose third round FA. Cup tie at Anfield was yesterday chosen by the BBC as the match they will cover live.

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But both Liverpool and Newcastle will refuse to play if the cameras are present on Friday night, January 6, unless the FA agree to increase the PFA's share of the television will probably never see. We are proceeds. The FA's finance and not a militant group but this is general purposes committee will an issue that is fundamental to meet today to discuss whether the existence of our Association. to raise their current offer of £40.000.

Negotiations started after a

The sights of three home countries are to be realigned within

the next 48 hours. Tonight Northern Ireland and Scotland will stand side

by side in Belfast and peer into the distance towards Mexico and the world. Tomorrow night, Wales will stand alone among Britain's representatives and look into the near future towards France and Europe.

if the Irish and the Scots can afford to spray their experimental bullets across their British cham-

choice but to aim with the finest precision. Their target in their last

European championship qualifying match is the Yygoslav net.
Leighton James, aged 30, and Thomas and Price, both 29, as well

as Jones, Flynn and Davies, who are
23, must fear the fate that befell
Mariner and Clemence, whose
international career died a month
ago in Luxembourg. Mike England
is unlikely to include many, if any,
of these six if he is forced to start
preparing for the next World Cup.

For personal and collective reasons, therefore, the passion that

usually burns inside the famous red

shirts is sure to be a roaring fire. The

Weish manager, who hopes that a large crowd will fan the flames, says

that "this is the biggest game we have had for a long, long time. It is

vitally important financially as well because the cancellation of the

home championships was a big blow".

relevant league fixtures was post-poned last Saturday, England was relieved to hear that all of his squad

had reported fit. The lone absence

in the small party of 16 was Nicholas, who damaged knee ligaments in Bulgaria last month, and is unavailable through suspen-

non anyway. Jackett, of Watford, who has recovered from the torn hamstring that kept him out of the 1-0 defeat

in Sofia is likely to be recalled in midfield. Southall, Hopkins, Price, Ratcliffe, Jones, Flynn, the captain, Vaughan, Thomas, Rush and Robbie James will expect to keep

their places in a side that would

otherwise be unchanged.

Disappointed that none of the

Sammy Lee, of Liverpool and Kevin Keegan, of Newcastle United, have become the PFA were then granted 15 per cent of the television money by the FA and 10 per cent by the Football League, Four years ago the sums were changed to Football Association and the £100,000 and "a fixed sum" respectively.

Last summer the players' accepted an increase from the League but objected to the 60 per cent reduction suggested by the FA. Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the PFA said yesterday: "This is not a question of highly paid players being greedy. The Liverpool and Newcastle representatives will be fighting for money they will probably never see. We are

We cannot accept the offer at a time when the FA will be making in excess of £2.5m from others on the radio and television safeguards committee but we don't expect anybody else to fight our battles.

The money the PFA receives goes towards pensions, compensation for injuries, education, and administrative costs. Since 1,000 players have been made redundant and the careers of 200 others have ended prematurely within the last two years, their expenditure has increased according to Taylor "dramati-

cally."

He pointed out that three quarters of the PFA's membership of 2,500 earn less than £15,000 and a third less than £5,000. "It is as though the FA is saying that they can get by without the players, but they will soon find out that they similar incident before an FA all aspects of the television deal. can't. We believe we are right Cup semi-final in 1965. The we have been promised the and that they are reneging on a

Iceland. who have again been included in the same World Cup qualifying group, was to cost them a place in the Spanish tournament

that involved all three other home

countries.

Northern Ireland, commendable runners-up behind West Germany in Group six of the European

championships, are clearly in stronger shape than Scotland, left

embarassingly holding the Group One wooden spoon, but their resources continue to be weaker.

The withdrawals McGreery, Hill and Martin O'Neill forced Billy

Bingham to summon two part-timers to fill the gap.

One of them. Doherty, was to sit an architecture examination at

support of technicians and long standing standing agree-

"The FA have ridden rough-shod over Northern Ireland and Wales by cancelling the British championship and they are threatening to do the same to us." Taylor added that he had contacted both Lee and Keegan and had also spoken to Dalglish, Neal and Souness, three senior internationals at Liver-

National Stadium at Wembley. He thought they would just about break even. The PFA he noted made profits of £250,000 and £290,000 in each of the last two years. Taylor replied: "We can't be penalised for running a

A worm's eye view of Cup opponents

Ron Atkinson has been offered the chance to assess Manchester United's FA Cup third round opponents from the Windsor and Eton dug-out, Only 350 seats will be available at Windsor's tiny ground for tonight's second round tie-against Bournemouth, which has attracted even greater local interest now that the wive for the winners is

attracted even greater local interest now that the prize for the winners is a home tie against the Cup holders.

"I expect we will be able to squeeze Ron in, But he's welcome to join me in the dug-out", the Windsor manager, Geoff Chapple, mid. Windsor officials have no doubt that the match, which was postponed on Saturday because of a waterlogged pitch, will go ahead this time.

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"There are no problems at all with the pitch. In fact, we should have played on Saturday", Chapple said. "The referee was supposed to inspect the pitch at 9am on the day of the match with officials of both clubs. Instead he inspected it at 8am and called the game off because one goalmouth was bad. We could have cleared that up in an hour."

The Isthmian League team have won 13 and drawn one of their last

son 13 and drawn one of their last 14 matches, but their record against Football League opposition is less than encouraging.

Last year they lost 7-0 to Brentford in the FA Cup first round

senior internationals at Liverpool who had lent their support
to the move.

Ted Croker, the secretary of
the FA, has said that the
finances of the governing body
have been limited this year by
the need to refurbish the
National Stadium at Wembley.

Should Chapple's miracle occur.

Miracle."
Should Chapple's miracle occur, the third round tie looks certain to be switched to Old Traffor, which will give Windsor's players the trip of a lifetime.
Steve Giddlings has recovered from the groin strain which has kept him out of the attack in the last two

Welsh passion could bear fruit Russian manager is

manager, is likely to be succeeded by Edward Molofeev, currently trainer of the national Olympic

manager after last year's World Cup finals. He has been heavily criticised for the poor showing of the team

a leg injury was a key factor in Bacciona's first ever win in Salamanca – a 3-1 specess which was also their first for three weeks.

In Spain Schuster returned after injury to inspire Barcelona as they sustained their challenge to leaders Real Madrid for the title. The West

German's aggressive performance after seven weeks out of action with

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SPANSH: Selemence 1, Berpelone 2; Red Zaragoze 2, Aferigo Madrid 2; Cadz 0, Sevila 1; Real Sociedad 1, Cassuma 1; Visience 2, Feel Malorce 2; Malage 6, Athletico Bibeo 0; Real Malorde 2, Sporting Gloss 1; Espanol 2, Real Vatadold 9, Postiona; Real Madrid P 15, Pla 21; Serpetone 15, 18; Real Zaragoze 15, 18; Athletico Bibeo 14, 18.

TURIOSI LEAGUE Galetasarays S, Adams Demirapor 2: Beatcas G, Gencierbifigi Q; Seriyer 1, Boraspor 1: Tribborapor 1; Adamsor 2: Karagumret Q; Antistagues 1; Adamsor 2: Karagumret Q: Antistagues 1; Penarbetos Q: Saletysapor 1; Orduspor 1; Dentzigor 2: Zongulatalaspor 2: Antalysapor 2: Bolaspur 2: Positions: Sealidas P 15; Pt 25: Gelebasaray 15; 21; Fenerbetos 15; 21; Trabzonspor 15; 20.

Christmas curtailed

Christmas was called off yesterlems are not as serious as first day for Sheffield's two promotion-though and Tottenham are optimistic that he will be able to play in televised match against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Friday.

The State of the serious as first day for Sheffield's two promotion-chasing football teams. Players at Sheffield Wednesday, top of the third division. have been ordered by their clubs to leave their families after Christmas dinner, in preparation for vital marches. Hillsborough and Bramall Lane officials have booked their

> at Grimsby on Boxing Day, while United will be in a Sheffield hotel before facing Rotherham at Bramal Lane on Boxing Day. After the game, United move to a Potteries Hotel before their match at Port

round-robin matches played at various schools at the weekend in Jan Porterfield, United manager said "Both games are vital for our promotional campaign and we must be professional about Christmas." order to take top class competitive rackets into courts outside London. John Prenn, the world champion, withdrew from the competition owing to the back injury wheach forced him to postpone William Boone's challenge for the world chamionship. Prenn believes his back shows signs of improvement. order to take top class competitive

The Lierpool v Newcastle game, selected for live TV coverage by the BBC, will be shown on the evening

The greed of the Olympic Angeles will benefit, indirectly, host city of Los Angeles and of by £2,200m. The International the private, commercially- Olympic Committee have inorientated organizing comdeed allowed themselves to mittee, means that the average become person in Europe cannot afford fortune to attend the 1984 Games at A reti become hostage to an untold

pleasure to millions in Europe

OLYMPIC GAMES

which a closing ceremony ticket who will be attending his 10th Olympic Games since it was The daily prices for track and held in London in 1948, field afternoon meetings are £40, so that the traditional exclaims that Los Angeles is a "rip off", that it is impossible to supporter of the Games, from find out, as was possible for clubs, schools, youth organiza-tions, and the freelance devo-Moscow, what seats one has been able to purchase, what the tees, are effectively priced out of transport facilities between the the market. Every supporting siles of facility, from air fares and so on sites of different sports are, and

This is not the fault of Americana Sports Travel, the exploiting the 16-day Games to exclusive ticket agency for the The Los Angeles Organizing Committee is already making a profit of £18,500 a day on advance deposits for ticket sales, which include one dollar handling charge on executively. British Olympic Association, on whose behalf David Dryer says: "We shall be selling primarily to the 'incentive market', business and commercial organizations offering rewards and prizes to handling charge on every ticket, non-refundable if the event is their staff and clients. We have so far about a thousand cancelled, or if the applicant is so far about a thousand unsuccessful in the ticket inclusive tours booked. Tour operation costs are all being forced up from 1983 levels, and There is, traditionally, a six per cent levy for municipal council tax, even though the air fare concessions within the United States into Los Angeles are all suspended for the duration of the Games".

financially involved in the Games: a factor which is being queried by members of the IOC. Games: a factor which is being queried by members of the IOC, The Christian Science Monitor University campus, is £675, has recently estimated that Los stadium tickets extra. Some

from £30 to £140, car rentals are rising 25 per cent, and to give a party, you will need a second mortgate on your house. Private homes for parties are rentable for £3,300 a day. There will be few bargains for the expected A retired friend from Essex 650,000 Olympic visitors, and

8,000 media representatives. It is thought that such prices may encounter sales resistance, though it is expected it will be impossible to rent a car long before the July 28 opening ceremony. A few commercial operators are sympathetic. E L ackson, of a limousine (minibus) rental company, will only raise prices 10 per cent.

Should you suppose that we, the press, will be enjoying a free trip to the world's greatest sporting event, think again. The better hotel rooms will be way over the £70 a night we had to in advance in Newport. Rhode Island, during the America's Cup last summer. A parking space at the main press centre is £200, just one of the 73 items for which an answer is required in an accreditation form considerably more complex than anything the Russians needed to know. Pass me a free

David Miller

BOXING

SQUASH RACKETS

Robinson out of fuel as Harvey drives on

Sunday's stars lost a little of their

Willstrop did tread the peaks for a while. He won 11 points out of 12 to transform a 2-7 deficit in the first Justre when Ian Robinson and Lucy Souther were dismissed from the

Soutter were dismissed from the British national championships sponsored by Just Juice, at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, yesterday, Christy Willstrop, too outspoken in his distate for the nature of the ball he was hitting, was threatened with disqualification should he utter another obscenity.

Robinson took five games and 77 minutes to beat the seeded Ashley Naylor on Sunday and did not have enough petrol left in the tank to stay with Neil Harvey yesterday. Robinson, "the mighty mouse", has always depended largely on his agility and physical resilience, But he had only one good game in him.

The top seed, Lisa Opic, won the

The top seed, Lisa Opic, won the third game from 1-8 down, saving two game balls, in beating Heather Wallace 9-4, 9-3, 10-9. Miss Opin was born on an island off the coast of France and Miss Wallace is a and mixed the long and short games with such merciless precision that, for Robinson, the court grew ever larger, Harvey won 2-9, 9-2, 9-1 9-3. of France and Miss Wallace is a Zambian-born Scot. In view of its exclusively British context, the match had peculiar geographic associations.

MENTS ENGLES: Third Round: N Harvey by I Robinson, 2-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-3; P Kenyon by C Wilston, 7-9, 8-4, 8-4, 9-0, WOMEN'S SINGLES: Escond Round: L Opia by H Wallace, 9-4, 9-3, 10-9; P Strauss by L Souther, 9-4, 9-1, 9-8. seconds. Willstrop has almost 12 stone to shift about the court and

international number eight, Jean-

BOXING: The European middle-

weight champion, Lowis Acaries, of France, will box Norberto Sabatier,

of the United States, at Loano near Genoa tomorrow. Acaries meets Britain's Tony Sibson on February

BOXING: Ireland include two



Jones: February chance Leonard in \$1 m Jones offer

Within hours of hearing that Sugar Ray Leonard, the former world welterweight champion, was coming out of retirement, the London promoter, Frank Warren, cabled him an offer of 51m dollars to meet Weishman Colin Jones in this country sext February.

The money might tempt the 27-year-old Leonard, but when he announced his comehack, the talk of was bouts against Marvin Hagler, Roberto Duran, Thomas Heares,

was bouts against Marvin Hagier,
Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns,
Milton McCrory and Donald Curry.
Jones, from Gorsemon, drew with
McCorory for the WBC title in Reno
this March but in August was
beaten in the re-match.

Kenyon made him shift it too far, too quickly, too often.

Vilas inducement

tournament director has said he paid appearance money to persuade Argentine Guillermo Vilas to play on a Rotterdam grand prix last March after earlier denying making Luc Joinel, will be out of action for a month after breaking his nose while playing for his club Brive against Nice in a league match on Sunday. Joinel should still be fit to play any payment.

Vilas was suspended for a year by

Joinel should still be fit to
against Ireland on January 21.

he had only one good game in him. After that Harvey increased the pace

Phillip Denyon, champion in 1981 and runner-up last year, beat Willstrop 7-9, 9-4, 9-4 9-0. The first game lasted 36 minutes, the last 90

the Men's International Pro-fessional Tennis Council and fined \$10,000 in June for allegedly receiving appearance money for playing in Rotterdam. He denied the charge and appealed against the

●The Prudential Junior Covered Court Championships to be played from January 2-7, have been switched from the David Lloyd Centre, Heston, to Queen's Club, Kensington. A delay in construction work to an extension at the new centre, has been offered as the official explanation, although obviously, the more sceptical will wonder if the less than cordial relationship which has existed between the LTA and David Lloyd

might not have been an additional factor. OThe British Women's Tennis
Association Christmas Sunsilk
tournament is also scheduled for
Queen's from December 27-30.
Kate Brasher, the British number
seven, is the first seed, with Linda
Geeves, a member of the Middleser side which won the county championship of 1982, the second, SWIMMING: Jackie Willmott has pulled out of the Great Britain team for the Europeam Cup short-course meeting in Ankara this weekend. Miss Willmott has withdrawn from the 400 metres freestyle because her

coach feels she is not fit enough. ATHLETICS: Shirley Strong, the British sprint hurdles record holder, yesterday signed a contract for a £12.000 sponsorship from Plow

Team mates

as rivals

By William Stephens

The invitation singles champion-

The invitation singles champion-ships, sponsored by Celestion Loudspeakers, reaches the semi-final round at Queen's Club tonight when William Boone, the holder, meets the professinal champion, Norwood Cripps, of Eton, and Randall Crawkey, with whom Boone is holder of the open and amateur doubles titles, plays the 19 year old double handed James Male, 1980 and 1981 HK Foster Cup winner while the Radley. The final will be

while the Radley. The final will be

played tomorrow evening at

Queen's.

These four emerged from the

RACKETS

BOXING: Ireland include two newcomers, a super-heavyweight, Joe Egan and a light-heavy, Stephen Collins, in the team to meet England at Milton Keynes on January 6. RELAND: Light-by Bentam: R Nastr. Feather: P Rizgardd; Light-weiter: W Walsh: Walsh: Work: Light-heavy; S Outre Heavy: D Machet; Super-heavy: 5 College Heavy: D Machet; Super-heavy: J Egan. SNOOKER: The Irishmen, Tommy Murphy and Paddy Morgan, cruised into the second round of the Hofmeister world doubles tournament at Northampton, crushing the Scottish pairing of Eddie Sinclair and lan Black, 5-1. But their reward is a tough second round tonight against the reigning champions. against the reigning champions, Steve Davis and Tony Meo.

GOLF: Nick Faldo, who won £250,000 world-wide this season, is looking for another home in America, where he aims to spend the first four months of next year. Britain's Barry Lane has become the first winner of the World Assistants' Championship at Greenelee in Orlando, Florida. The 23-

reicle in Orando, Florida. I ne 25-year-old Downshire golfer won by six shots with a final round of 74 and a two over par total of 216. PMAL TOTALS: 218 B Lens (68), 71,73,74. 22: V Tottorio (US), 73,75,78, 232: D Lacuyer (2n), 76,78,78, 239: T Yoshkawa (Jap), 50,78.50.

YACHTING

ICI to sponsor Olympic team By John Nicholls

The British Olympic Yachting Appeal (BOYA) has been given a much-needed boost by the an-nouncement that ICI Fibres is to sponsor the British Olympic yachting team. The sponsorship will mount to £50,000 of which £20,000 is a cash contribution. Ron Howard chairman of BOYA, emphasized that although the appeal had been well supported, a further £25,000 was required to reach the budget estimated for 1984.

The final Olympic sailing squad has now been nominated and membership entitles the sailors to travel grants and logistic support. A team of 470 sailors will soon be leaving for the class world championship in New Zealand in January and they will be followed at the end of this month by a Tornado team to their world championship in Australia.

ICI's involvement with yachting started with a technical interest in developing synthetic sail cloth. As a



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result of practical tests by squad members, better sail cloth has already been developed and the programme will continue during the coming months.

See what we mean on page 8 formal wear for men

A toast to Harrow and the non-league tradition

Leighton James: fears for

After twice coming back from a

After twice coming back from a two-goal deficit. Wales drew 4-4 in Titograd a year ago in a tie that England described as "the most amazing international I've ever been involved in". Had Robbie James's shot in the last minute got in instead of hitting the bar, they would already have peached the

would already have reached the

in Swansea two years ago will fuel Welsh determination. The point they dropped that night against

Yet the memory of another draw

Earl's Mead refreshes parts that many others cannot reach

whirlygig gods who control the Harrow may have lost 3-1 in the and courtesy in defeat". destinies of clubs in this, the end, but they can walk tall in best of all football competitions, the streets around Earl's Mead. can conjure me another non-League side in this FA Cup this the big boys. season, unless they can help Winsor and Eton to beat Manchester United.

The 'trail began when I watched Chalfont St Peter fall at Uxbridge in the first qualifying round took me to Harrow Borough, who set their am-bitions in the Isthmian League aside on Saturday to have a crack at Newport County of the third division in the second round proper. And when you have a man called Clovere Ford in the team, surely anything is possible.

Newport had travelled from Wales to seek out Harrow's pocket handkerchief ground, which they discovered secreted behind frosty lawns and semi- ing beneath tables and one freezer. detached houses all shut up to keep the warmth in. Newport of sprinting ability, was folhad needed a replay to get past Town, and must have been heaving huge sighs of relief as they sucked their half-time to three, with 2,000 round ... though perhaps it will the Southern Leaguers of Poole A CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF T lemons two goals to the good.

Harrow seemed to be just another of the season's annual best of things in the second half. ... help to maintain the non-as the Newport manager, Colin League tradition of friendly

I don't think even the Addison, generously admitted, rivalry, magnanimity in victory the streets around Earl's Mead. courteous: "We certainly They showed they can live with treated them with too much

non-League men with camel from Aldridge and the wing-coats, cigars and ambitions, heeled Chamberlin put Newwho like to pretend they are port two up and Harrow looked running Manchester United, dead and gone. I don't know if would have realized that there are joy in obscurity and Chorus to the lads at half-time, pleasures in smallness had they but something inspired them, been supping a quiet pint with They roared back. Pearce scored me in the Harrow bar before the one, a second was on the cards,

Harrow had never reached beyond the fourth qualifying round of the Cup before, and Chelsea Canaille who like to wreck a little club's big occ- to the drill. Newport visit asion. A riot of hurtling pint Plymouth Argyle: and their glasses and flying metal chairs dreams of a glamorous Saturday journalist showing undreamed Plymouth, said Addison, lowed by nine arrests.

constitute Harrow's spectator Hallelujah, there is still plenty facilities, and the Hallelujah of fun to be found in nonsacrifices on the altar of Giant v Chorus blasting tinnily from the League football. Harrow take on Jackiller, but after the break speakers, it was permissable to Hayes in the Isthmian League they unfurted the non-League think that the day would be one tonight, and they won't have banner and gave it a real crack, for rejoincing after all: as the bagging a goal and looking well match programme declared least the worth another. They had the prayerfully: "Everyone here will Chelsea.

Perhaps Harrow were overly

WALES UNDER-21: R Wilmot (Arsena), D Print's (Plymouth Argyle), D Lewis (Swansee City), N Slatter (Bristol Rovers), M Bowers (Toterchem Hotspur, S Lowendee (Millera), C Blackmore (Marchester United), C Maruettic (Swanses City), G Hodges (Wimbledon), M Hughes (Munchester United), C Pascoe (Swanses City).

respect at first," said their But do they want to? Those manager, Mike Tomkys. Goals. Tomkys sang the Hallelujah Chorus to the lads at half-time, and it was a bad time to be a Welsh fingernail.

Then Aldridge, the spoil sport, broke clear and finished now they had a visit from the emphatically, and that was that. Time for a shower and a listen with innocent supporters cower- afternoon must remain in the "No disrespect to They'd Sooner play Manchester United as well".

people squeezed into the collec- be Windsor and Eton after all. tion of potting sheds that That would be fun, and 2000 supporters there ... but at least there'll be no one from

forced out by critics month and failed to reach the finals of the European Championships in France next year. The repeated criticism is thought to be one of the main reasons behind his resig-

nation.

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet which lost 1-0 to Portugal last Union, who are in the same World month and failed to reach the finals Cup group as the Republic of the European Championships in Ireland, will have a new manager by France next year. The repeated the time the countries meet. Valery Lobanovski, who has resigned as main reasons behind his resigned.

Lobenovski, aged 46, who asked to be released from his duties for what he called "family reasons" succeeded Konstantin Beskov as

an architecture examination at Ulster Polytechnic and has to ask his colleague if he could postpone it before reporting for training. Oxford United have shown an interest in Doherty, who plays for Linfeld and has appeared for his country only in an under-18 international against 16. BELGIAN: Molentee 1, Chib Brugne 2; Waregem 1, Serang 3; Lokurun 1, Countral 1; Cercle Brugne 2, Andertecht 1; Waterschel 2, Bearschot 2; PC Lugge 0, Luras 0; Metchain 2, Ghent 1; Antwerp 1, Beringen 1; Stentand Luge 2, Bewarten 1; Positions: Bewarten 9 16, Pts 25; Seraing 16, 22; Andertecht 16, 21; During an under-23 gathering in mented him on his ability, but from him again so soon." Cleary, a part-timer with Glentoran, has been brought in as garen. brought in as cover in mid-field and Worthington, of Notts County will replace Hill at full back.

Liege 2, Beventent 1, Posthicus Beverent 18, 21;
Carde Bruget 18, 19; Cub Bruget 16, 19.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE:
Levid Sprak 2, CSINA Septembritato Zheme
0; Shourrent 1, Boter 1; Jasistivo 9, Silmven 0;
Chemonomoth 2, Churno MCre 0; Trastiye 4,
Eur 1; Zate Spertak 3, Lokomotr 0;
Chemonomoth 2, Churno MCre 0; Trastiye 4,
Eur 1; Zate Spertak 3, Lokomotr 0;
Cotomotr 2, Stevel 1; Betastina 3, Beroe 2,
Positione: CSIKA P 15 Pts 24; Levski-Spartak
19, 22; Silven 15, 18; Boter 15, 18.
CYPROCT: Petaporition 0, Apollon 0;
Aradippou 9, Omorie 2; Apoel 1, Peralian 1
2, Ara 1, Ani 1; Anorthonie 3, Ethnikes 1; Epe 1,
Ernis 1; Aris 1, Selemine 2, Positiones
10, 14; Apoel 10, 11.
CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: TJ Vijstovice 2,
Slovan Bratislava 0; Sparte Praise 0, ZVI, Züne
0; Inter Bratislava 0; Sparte Praise 0, ZVI, Züne
0; Inter Bratislava 0; Sparte Praise 0, ZVI, Züne
0; Inter Bratislava 0; Bartik Ostrava 0; Spartak
17 mev 0; Dukta Praise 0; Boterines Praise 2,
Plastika Nitra 2; RH Cheb 1, Lokomotra
Kosco 0; Dukta Praise 0; Boterine 2, Sparta
15, 19; Bohemiane Praise 15, 17;
DUTCKI: Helmond Sport 1, Den Bosch 3;
Volendam 1, Forture 3 Strad 1; Pec Zwobe 2,
Feyencord 2; Wilem 8 Tiburg 2, Heartier 2;
Urrecht 3, Gronningen 2; Sparts Potherdam 4,
GA Espite Devenier 0; Evoletor Rotts 3C
Kerkrade v PSV Endhoven, Positions:
Feyencord P10, Pts 27; PSV Enchoven 18,
23; Ajau 18, 25; Urrecht 3, La Laiszie 1; The Scots, who have lost Dalglish. Nicholas and Archibald, are becoming almost Aberdeen in disguise. Six of the side that held Cup last month were already in the foward who gained two caps against Canada in the summer, has been MORTHERN IRELAND: (probable): P Jernings (Arsenal), J Nicholl (Rangers), M Doraghy (Luton Town), McLatland (Rangers), G AkeEhinney (Bolton Wanderers), P Ranney (Laicester Chy), 8 McRing (Stoke Chy), T Contrare (Glingten), W Hamilton (Burnley), I Slewart (Queens Park Rangers).

Feyercord P. P., Psy 27: PSV Endnoven 16, 25: Ajau 18, 25: Unerfol 16, 21.

EAST GERMAN: Ros-Weiss Erhart 1, Vitamut; Aue 0: Harrise Restock 0. Lok Leipzig 1; Dynamo Bertin 0; Chemie Heile 0; Vorwants Frankhrt/Oder 4, Briton Bertin 1; Chemie Leipzig 1, Megdeburg 1; Narl-Marx, Staot 1. Carl Zeiss Jena 9; Stahl Ress 1, Dynamo Dresden 2: Positions: Megdeburg 1º 12 Pts 17: Dynamo Bertin 1º 12 Pts 17: Lok Leipzig 1º 12 Pts 17: Dynamo Bertin 1º 12 Pts 15: Lok Leipzig 1º 12 Pts 17: Dynamo Bertin 1º 12 Pts 16: FRENCH: Brest 0, Momico 1; Metz 1, Saint Etierne 10: Bordeaux 5, Life 2: Stresbourg 0, Sochstox 0; Rouge 3, Nervey 1; Lavarre 0; Lans 0, Party St. Germaine 3; Touton 0, Rames 1: Positions: Bordeaux 1º 12 Pts 34; Monaco 1º 22 Pts 30; Parte SG 1º 22 Pts 32; Monaco 1º 22 Pts 30; Parte SG 1º 22 Pts 32; Monaco 1º 12 Pts 34; Monaco 1º 12 Pts 34;

Archibald hopeful

Steve Archibald's injury prob-The Scottish international went into the home game against Southampton on Saturday suffering from a bruised kidney and a strained knee, and was replaced at half-time by Brooke after receiving a hip injury. Archibald took a blow during the Uefa Cup win over Bayern Munich last week and was passing blood before Saturday's match. He has withdrawn from the Scottish squad to play Northern Ireland tonight.

Galvin and Ardiles, making their recovery after injury, could play for Tottenham at Old Trafford. Both are due to play for the club's reserve team at St Albans tomorrow evening. Yesterday's

results. **POOTBALL** Third division
Port Vale v Southend - postponed
FA Cup: Second round replay Altrinchem v Darlington - postponed POOTBALL COMMINITION: Charlton 3. Fulham 5; CPR 0, Speech 1.

RUGBY UNION Simon Barnes

HUGST UNION

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Universitate Calcor 1, Ann Ingli Nuchrest (Universitate Calcor 2, Repid Bucharest (Chimis Remotou Vicus 3, Petrolul Ploesti 1 Coverud Hunedours 2, Dunares CSA Galeti 2 Arpes 3, Polhahrina lesel 9; Sporta Budentes 3, CS Tergoviste 1; Bihor 1, FC Ott 1.

15. 21; Trabzonspor 15. 20.
WEST GERNACH Chickers Offenbach 0, Marshalm 2; Borussia Dortmund 3, Nuremberg 1; Bayer Verdinges 1, Bayers Munch 1; Winder Brensen 4, Estmark Brusswick 0; Fortuna Dusseidorf 1, VFL Bochum 1; Aminis Biotefeld 2, Borussau Moderchengladisch 2; Bayer Leverhusen 2, Cologo 1; Postitonis: VFB Shritgar P 17, Pts 25; Bayers Marshot 17, 24; Mochengladisch 17, 25; Werder Bransen 17, 22; Hemburg 17, 22.

17. 22; Personal 17. 25; Personal 17. Per Sarzifeld 40; Union Santa Fe 37.

COLDMERAN LEAGUE: America 4, Junior 2; Nacionel 3, Santa Fe 2; Caldas 1, Cah 0; Medidella 1, Matomerica 4, Positione: America 17; Junior 15; Nacionel 5; Positione: America 17; Junior 15; Nacionel 6; Positione 2: Mayer 6; Octobre 2, Lipa de Pertorrejo 1, Positione: Nacionel pts 10; Sarzeione 7; Perturnan LEAGUE: Crestel 2, Colegio Ascionel 8; Major 2; Municipel 1; Universitario 2, Torino 0.

URIUGUAYAN LEAGUE: Nacionel 0, Defensor 2; Miramar Misionel 1, Bella Vista 2; Carro 2, Penerol 0; Davubio 1, Wanderers 0; Progress 1, Rampla Juniore 0; Sud America 2, River Pase 1.

squads into hotels on Christmas night and Boxing Day night. Wednesday will stay in an hotel on the east coast before their march

Vale the next day.

Wednesday will switch to an Ossett hotel before returning to Sheffield for their home game

of Friday, January 6.

Notis County have set their FA
Cup third round fixture with Birstol
City back by a day to avoid clashing
with Nottingham Forest, their
neighbours who were given a hometie against Southampton. County
will play on Sunday, January 8.

back shows signs of improvement,
Prenn's place was taken by
Crawley who beat Cripps 3-0 at
Eton, then beat the Marlborough
professional Robert Wakely 3-1 at
Harrow and finally Mark Nicholis
3-2 at Marlborough, thereby leading
will play on Sunday, January 8.

Britain has 'world champion' living in the Kronk world

light-middle and middle may be harder to come by now that Sugar Ray Leonard has thrown his hat in the ring, but British boxing could get a lift in the new year when Errol Christie comes out of the shadows of the established British middleweights to challenge Mark Kaylor, the British champion, in April. "I cannot see the board putting anyone before Errol" "I don't give praise easily but I believe he will be the world Christie's manager, Burt McCarthy says. That contest will tell us whether Christie is as exciting a world prospect as

everyone believes him to be. Upstairs at the Thomas A Becket down the Old Kent Road, the regulars will tell you in between sucking in skeins of cigarette smoke and jabbing out stubs on tin tops that Christie is the best thing since Woodbines. They have watched the Becket alumni come and go and the createst compliment they pay a British boxer is to call him a throwback" to the good old

every bit as good as another return Steward will promote the Coventry area, Randy Turpin, but he is even more than a but he is even more than a himself playing an important throwback. A bit like Floyd role in Kronk affairs as Leonard boo, but moves like him.

Paul Beddard won four dozen

cans of larger last week, the prize for being voted the coach of the month

for November. His team, the Ayr Bruins, had led the league for one day on November 20 after winning

Obviously the award has not gone to his head. Ayr are now back at the top of the British League premier division. sponsored by Heineken, after winning 5-2 at Kirkcaldy and 6-1, at home to Streatham at the weekend.

"It is really quite a different team". John Rost, the Streatham coach observed, "From the outside

it looks as though their leadership this year is much better and their discipline has improved." Last season their player-coach. Dan

Hurtubise, was often required to

lead the team from the confines of

Bedard arrived this season with two other Canadlans, Dereck Watt, a defenceman and Kevin Murphy, a

the penalty box. Bedard arrive

tor of Christie's other home, the Kronk, the fighting machine factory in Detroit, says "Christie is the best natural talent I have ever seen. When you British kept telling e how good he was I didn't believe you, but when he came to Detroit I put him in with Mike McCallum and I could see how good he

middleweight champion in 24 months. I always look forward to his visits. Thomas Hearns and Milton McCrory think he is great." Christie is 'at the moment in Detroit helping Hearns and McCrory prepare for their world title defences.

Though Christie is British based. McCarthy says that his boxer will be spending every six weeks between bouts in the subterranean complex of the Kronk learning the tricks of the trade in a hard school, "They don't pull punches in sparring over there "McCarthy says. In boxer who came from the young Miklander in the United States. Christie could well find Patterson perhaps: not peek-a- starts reclaiming his titles, starting with McCrory.

ICE HOCKEY

Coach drinks to Ayr Bruins' success

By Robert Pryce

right wing, former colleagues of his

at Concordia University in Montreal. Three Great Britain internationals, Gibson, Brennan and McBride, returned to the

Bedard moved two junior inter-national defencemen, Kidd and Alastair Reid, on to the wings, After

Assaur encouraging results in the Autumn Cup, they began theirt league programme with four successive wins. As a result,

attendances at home games have doubled - to around 500 -

threatening the standing-room only

threatching the standing-room only capacity at their compact rink. Kidd scored three goals from the wing at Kirkcaldy; Reid in particular was praised by Rost after Sunday's game. In the absence of Wait, who damaged a knee at Kirkcaldy, Bedard set a new league record for length of shift; he played the whole same

the whole game.

Streatham's 1,200 mile round trip proved relentlessiy unrewarding. They played poorly in losing 10-5 in Dundee on Saturday, lost both their



came fighting back. The Russian was the best light-middle-

bouts. He straightway caught Christie with a left hook and

followed up with the right.

MaCarthy says "I thought it was

all over" but Errol came right

There is no doubt that cause that was where he took it Christie, who holds a record !! on the jaw from a Russian and titles, is better than anybody in Britain in class and ability. There only remains the old question about his chin. He has won all but one of his nine professional bouts inside the distance and if any more chin testing remains to be done
McCallum and Dave Braxton will do it for him in Detroit. The title he values most is the

leading scorers, Stefan (gastro-enter-itis) and Merkosky (who required seven stitches in his face after being hit by a puck at Ayr), and fell from first to fourth place. Dundee lost the

league leadership, when, without the injured Halpin, they went down 7-2 in Murrayfield, who were without the injured Sobkowich and Lawrie

At the bottom of the premier

division. Jim Earle produced another heroic effort in a losing

cause, scoring eight of Cleveland's goals in an 11-12 defeat at home to Whitley. Stephen Smith scored the winning goal 59 seconds from time, directly after Cleveland had hit a

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PRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevelenc.

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Christic went on to win the title and the award for the best European junior he won in Schwerin, East Germany, be-boxer of the championships.

get a medal." The 19-year-old turned on him, "I haven't come here to lose," he said, and went weight prospect in 10 years, and body-popping down to the ring. had scored 74 knockouts in 104

Srikumar Sen • Las Vegas (Reuter) - Juan Laporte, the Boxing Council featherweight champion, will defend his title against Wilfredo Gomez, the No I contender, in January or February, Muras Muhammad, the promoter,

VOLLEYBALL

All is not well at Speedwell

division by virtue of two victories at the weekend. Behind them are clustered four other teams with a chance of the title: Liverpool, Polonia, Spark and Speedwell

As the league goes into its mid-winter break, the destination of the title has not been so open for many seasons. The main reason is the calamitous loss of form of the defending champions. Speedwell detending champions, Specdwell Rucanor, who lost again at the weekend, 3-2 to Liverpool, Speedwell went down 16-14, 13-15, 7-15, 6-15 on Saturday, their third consecutive defeat after a run of 79 unbeaten kague matches.

They struggled to a 3-2 victory over relegation candidates Brookfield on Sunday, but Steve Spooner, the Speedwell coach, said: "The way

the Speedwell coach, said: "The way
we are playing at the moreent I
think anyone can beat us. We are
going through a bad patch and have

Capital City Spikers, with only one defeat this season, went to the top of the English men's first making stupid mistakes we have not making stupid mistakes we have not made for years. In recent matches Speedwell have been without their main attacking force, Steve Pincott, who has been injured.

Capital City Spikers made no mistake in their matches, defeating first Weymouth Rembrandt 3-0 and then Polonia 3-1 Polonia got some consolation from a 3-2 defeat of Spark ISI, in which Spark lost a 7-1 lead in the fifth set.

Spark, without the guiding hand of their experience setter. Dave James, beat Weymouth 3-1 on Sunday, their first match after the break is against Capital City. In Scotland, MIM remain the

only unbeaten side with a 3-0 defeat of Dundee Kirkton in the Royal Bank League on Sunday they beat Dunfermline 3-0 in the third round of the Royal Bank Cup, in which all the second division sides went out

Going: Good 12.30 CUCKMERE CHASE (Novices: £1,256: 2m) (13 runners)

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1.0 DECEMBER HURDLE (Handicap: £1,235: 2m) (20)

11-4 Crowning Moment, 7-2 Maurice's Tip, 9-2 Austrian Corporal, 6 Noon Gun, 10 Dan Dare, 12 Le Champ Tatol, 16 Others.

World Cup breakthrough for Julen after five second places

witzerland, recorded his first ever World-Cup victory when he won the opening men's giant slalom of the Alpine season here today.

Julen, who won the first leg but slipped to third in the second, was in superb form as he recorded a combined time of 3 min 17.68 sec. over a half second faster than his colleague. Pirmin Zurbriggen, who

won the second leg.
Jurij Franko, of Yugoslavia, was
third with a time of 3:19.33 and
Hans Enn of Austria, victor in
Saturday's super giant slalom in Val
D'Isere, came fourth.
Wester conditions were good as Weather conditions were good as

weather conditions were good as the 89 competitors took to the slopes yesterday morning, to face 62 slalom gates. Snow had fallen on Saturday, and a cold night hardened the course into a fast run. Julen was obviously delighted to Julen was obviously designied to shed his reputation as a permanent "number two", after previously coming second in five World Cup giant slalom races. "I was very happy to win the giant slalom. I skied very well in the first leg, but I was a little nervous in the second. I had to concentrate," he said after the race.

Today's race showed the growing

Diablerets. Switzerland supremacy of the Swiss team in the statoms, Maria Walliser winning a s) - Max Julen, of giant statom, Julen and Zurbriggen downhill and Frazz Heinzer and recorded his first ever had both won giants in Bormio, chipping in for the men with victory Italy, which were not World Cup

However the American twins, Phil and Steve Mahre, were disappointing. Steve came in twentieth and Phil twentythird. Phil Mahre said if he did not ski well in Courmayeur, Italy, today, he would not compete in the following slatom. Before today's race, he said that not competing last year had not affected his chances of winning the overall victory. The double Olympic champion, Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, was also a disappointment, coming seventh after starting the

day in pole position. three in the overall World Cup standings, in which Franz Heinzer, of Switzerland, remains ahead of Zurbriggen Liechtenstein's Andreas

Wenzel. Wenzel came eleventh today, with a time of 3:20.78.

On home slopes, the Swiss always start favourites, and now have six skiters in the top 15 in the men's points table. Their other successes so far this

season have been largely achieved by their formidable women's team, with Erika Hess winning two

cripping in to the lica with victory in the downhill and sombined in Val D'Isere. France, at the weekend. LEADING PLACINGS: 1, Mr. Julius (Switz), 3min 17,888c; 2, P Zuringgen (Switz), 3min (Switz), 3min 17,888c; 2, P Zuringgen (Switz), 319,24; 4, K Em (Austin), 319,24; 5, G Mader (Austin), 319,24; 5, G Mader (Austin), 319,27; 8, T Simile (Austin), 319,27; 8, T Simile (Austin), 320,78; 1, S Simile (Austin), 320,78; 1, S Simile (Austin), 320,78; 1, S Simile (Austin), 320,78; 1, G Hintersear (Austin), 320,78; 11, A Worker (Linch), 320,78; 11, B Simile (Austin), 321,38; 1, Austin), 321,38; B Simile (Austin), 321, France, 30; 3, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 33; 4, France, 30; 5, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 33; 4, Factor, 30; 5, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 33; 4, Factor, 30; 5, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 33; 4, Factor, 30; 5, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 33; 4, Factor, 30; 5, Menual, 42; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 34; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 34; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 34; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 35; 4, Em 37; 5, Weigrains (Austin), 36; 4, Em 37; 5, Weig

held over to Monday or switche

ICE HOCKEY: The United States Verchota, scored the winner with a little more than a minute left to play. The Russian team was basically the country's second team with eight second-string members of the national squad.

BASKETBALL

Becker responds to the Manchester challenge

By Nicholas Harling

Tom Becker, the American coach, Tom Becker, the American Coach, who led Sunderland to two National Championship triumphs before his departure for a greater challenge with lowly Manchester Giants does, at last, seem to be getting his latest act together, With their two victories at the weekend in the National League, sponsored by Wimpey Homes, Manchester have now won their last four sames, and now won their last four games, and have every chance of avoiding the relegation which seemed so inevit-able after they had lost their first seven matche

seven matches.

Becker, who was recently overlooked for the job of Great Britain's
Olympic coach, has certainly found
comfort with his new club, whose
personnel he has obviously changed
for the better since his arrival in the for the better since his arrival in the summer. In the places of Swanley, who has retuned to the United States, and the little Scot, Reid, who has joined the second division club, Calderdale Explorers, Becker has acquired a new American, Craig Robinson, and a dual national, John Moorehead.

Roth newcomers are fulfilling all

Both newcomers are fulfilling all Becker's wildest expectation, as is Brooking, who was with him at Sunderland. The talented American scored 62 points over the weekend, to bring Manchester a 91-84 bome win over Kingeraft Kingston and an 89-83 success at John Carr Doncaster. With Doncaster also failing by 107-90 at Davenports Birmingham the previous evening, it is the Yorkshire club which seem far more likely to go down with Fine Ceramics Bolton.
Bolton bave now lost all 17

games, following their 104-86 reverse at Plantera Leicester, in spite of 38 points from Crosby. Payton

(21 points) inflicted even more damage at Austin-Rover Sunder-land the following evening, with 25 points for Leicester to give them confidence for last night's Asda Cup semi-final between the clubs,

The game was every bit as tight as the 76-75 score suggests. Bradbury sank Leicester's winning basket with sang pricester's withing basel, what 12 seconds left, although Mullings might still have won it for Sunderland had he succeeded with a jump shot, Wearren (28) was his usual accurate self for Sunderland.

Jenkins, scorer of 36 points for Brighton Bears in their 104-103 win in overtime at struggling Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead collected another 29 points the following afternoon, when Brighton were thrashed 98-61 at home by the leaders. Sperrings Solent. FSO Cars Warrington has set Solent for more problems the previous evening. The problems the previous evening. The visitors, for whom Brown contributed 33 points, led 70-69 with 39 seconds left, only to give the ball away once and commit three fouls which led to them losing 75-70. The indomitable Saiers (22) was for once Solent's best marksman.

Blue Nun Crystal Palace, who overcame Bracknell Pirates 96-84, are second with two points less after playing two games more. Bracknell had Callandrillo (16) disqualified for discassi in the less in for dissent in the last minute, when his frustration at refereeing de-cisions was obviously more than he could stand. Callandrillo was also unusually dubdued with his shooting, being outscored not only by his own colleague, Balogun (30), but McCray (26), Lloyd (20) and Kellerman (17); of Palace. CYCLING

Colombia to contend Milk Race

By John Wilcockson

Colombia is likely to become the first South American team to take part in the Milk Race, it was announced yesterday by the National Dairy Council, the sponsors of Britain's premiere cycle race. Phil Liggett, the race organiser, said: "They were undecided between the Milk Race, the Tours of Luxembourg and Austria, and the Dauphias Libere, but the Tour de France organization recommended that they opt for the Milk Race, And. now that the Daupine race in France has been concelled, it is 99 per cent certain that the Colombians will. take part in our race.

The Colombians became the first amateurs to take part in the Tour de France last year, and although Edgar Corredor, their top man in that race." has turned professional for a spanish squad, they will make formidable opposition for the other 10 Milk Race teams.

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Returning after a year's absence will be the Soviet Union, while Italyare likely to take part for the first time in 14 years. The attraction of the British race

is its proximity to the 1984 Olympic. Games, especially as the road race gold medalists at Muich, Montreal and Moscow all took part in Milk Race beforehand. The other teams expected are

Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Poland, Sweden, the United States, West! Germany and the two British selections, one amateur and the professional

"I would have liked two pro-teams." Liggest said.

Flying Habibti to stay in training

champion sprinter, is to stay in training next season. The good news was announced by her trainer, John Dunlop, at the annual Derby awards luncheon given by the Horserace and Reporters Association in London yesterday.

Habibti's owner, Hamid-Matawa, should be congratulated on his decision. Instead of retiring her to stud he has played the sporting line. There now appears to be a more compenitive and punchy clement in our overall attitude to racing which was underlined by Dunlop who said that his Middle East owners race on the best lines, love horses, compete against the best and accept defeat very well.

Dunlop received the award as Flat trainer of the year and he was among a host of racing celebrities who included Robert Barnett, the owner of Time Charter and William Carson the champion jockey, who won the Oaks last year on Sun Princess. It was a joy to hear from Barnett that Time Charter, the winner of the Kings George VI and Queen Elizabeth Il Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July

Carson confirmed that he is looking forward to riding this year's Oaks winner Sun Princess in the big races next year. Carson may harbour reser-

vations about the wisdom of keeping fillies in training after they are three, but he firmly believes Sun Princess will be a major factor next year.

Other awards went to Michael Dickinson, John Fran-come and Bill Garland yesterrous side Francome, worried

While that most extrovert of Irish

while that most extrovert or irish jump jockeys. John O'Neill, the current leading rider, left Huntingdon yesterday a little more subdued than usual after a thoroughly frustrating and bruising day, his relatively reticent countryman. Niall "Boots" Madden, had good reason to look forward to a traditional Irish "hooley" on his 25th birthday after his victory on Barrysville.

A former dual amateur champion

of a glittering career when he left his

of a glittering career when he left his home country to come to England as first jockey to John Edwards at the start of last senson. However, Edwards's horses were inflicted with a virus, and Madden wound up with a disappointing 19 winners. This season Madden decided to

leave Edwards and accept the offer of a second retainer for David Nicholson's powerful stable, but

Barrysville,



Michael Dickinson, John Francome, Willie Carson, John Duniop among the winners.

not about the authority's atti- money. This was £700.000 Brooke Hospital which has tude, indicated that some of the more than the corresponding done such sterling work in stewards decisions recently figure last year and more than a Cairo for so long on behalf of could have easily been linked million than the figure two our four legged friends. with the Cabbage Patch chil-

award for the trainer who won August. He also trained Old the most prize money abroad during the last year. With £405,742 in his kitty Cumani just pipped lan Balding whose raids overseas amassed £404,685. They were followed to the f won more than six figures worth Germany, Ireland and Italy.

of prize money on their travels. Overall, British based train—there was an auction which ers reaped an excellent harvest raised £22,600 in aid of the be off to India, Californ in 1983 with 48 individuals International League for the winning £2,207,377 in prize protection of horses and the for another busy season.

brogne and an interpreter would not go amiss) is still optimistic - and

with good reason.
Luck is the factor the can determine success or failure in this fickle game and it was this vital commodity that led to Madden

obtaining the ride on Barrysville in the Old Fletton Chase.

He had originally been booked to ride Leander Blue for Nicholson but, when Warwick was abandoued, Peter Scudamore, Nicholson's No 1

rider, came across to take over. So Pat O'Connor asked Steve Jobar if

he would agree to step down from Barrysville in favour of Madden, who had won on the horse at Nottingham a week ago.

Notingnam a week ago.

Johar gratiously agreed and
Madden wound up a winner while
Scudamore ended up on the floor
when Leander Blue fell two fraces

years ago. Cumani owes his position to Tolomeo, winning the Budweiser Million at Arof Mill Reef, bid £1,700 for the will remain in training

Present with Dick Hern.

Luca Cumani received the the Budweiser Million at ArInternational Racing Bureau's lington Park near Chicago in

by John Dunlop, Michael successfully in five different Stoute, and Dick Hern who all countries: Belgium. France, After yesterday's luncheon

again things have not gone as expected. Yesterday's victory on Barrysville was only Madden's sixth of the season, but this quietly spoken young man (add a thick Irish O'Neill and Torreon at the said after Sweet Kybo won at

from home. Now, while Lady luck a blessing, allied to his outstanding natural ability – who can forget his victory on Canny Danny against O'Neill and Torreon at the Cheltenham Festival in March – it could be that the floodgates will be the control of Madden in 1984

open for Madden in 1984.

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Another man with good reason to celebrate was Dickie Westbrook, the Newmarket trainer, who brought off his first jumping double with Down to Me in the seller and Sandmoor Court (Bishops Stortford Hurdle). Happiest woman on the course was surely Cath Walwyn, wife of Fulke, the trainer, after she had watched the Queen Mother's newcomer Sunyone make an impressive winning debut in the Haig Whisky qualifier.

Sweet Kybo is a horse who might

Sweet Kybo is a norse was might well have gone right to the top had he been blessed with a set of four good legs. As it is, Josh Gifford, his trainer, holds his breath every time the nine-year-old runs because perstent leg trouble has already kept

Madden celebrates a change of fortune

boots that had been donated by Willie Shoemaker. With a gesture. that was typical of the man, he gave those boots to our champion jockey Willie Carson.

2.0 HENFIELD HURDLE (Selling handicap: £802: 2m) (20)

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2.0 HENFIELD HURDLE (Selling handicap: £802: 2m) (20)

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this instance dumbfounded.

perhaps. But, as Gifford himself said after Sweet Kybo won at Fontwell Park two weeks ago, every victory is a bonus now and this afternoon Sweet Kybo should

anternoon Sweet Kybo should provide him with another in Plumpton's Galleano Challenge Cup, At Foatwell Sweet Kybo was superbly ridden by Gifford's apprentice, Peter Double, who lost his right to claim the 4lb allowance

his right to claim the 4lb allowance then.

The pair will meet the Fontwell runner-up, Altaghaderry Run, on 9lb worse terms today, but Double seemed intent on giving his mount as easy a race as possible then, waiting until the last fence before delivering his challenge and the winning margin of 2½ lengths did not indicate Sweet Kybo's superiority. A bigger threat could come from Vale Challenge, who has won his last four races and is still on a

last four races and is still on a reasonable handicap mark.

1.30 'GALLEANO' CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2.176: 2m 3i

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7-2 Stray Shot, 4 Ra Nova, 9-2 Ribot Star, 11-2 Vookstini, 6 Lord of the Reelin 8 Super felt, Princess Mone, 12 Others.

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Huntington results

Going: good to firm IZ45 MONTAGU HURDLE (Condi-jockeys: selling handicap: 2558 Bin 2004 DOWN TO ME b g by Swing Easy - Royel Deb (Mrs K Sneath) 6-10-12 TOTE: Wart £5.80. Places: £1.50, £1.5 1.15 LONG SUTTON CHASE (Handicap: £1.221: 2m 100vds)

1,45 OLD FLETTON CHASE (Handicap: \$1,530:

2.15 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifier: prices: £1,175: 2m 200yds Terryanh. Writ ES.10. Piscest £1.70, £3.20, £1.50, DF: £25.60. CSF: £49.35. F Walvyn et Lamburn. 44, 31. Commander Gerrick (7-1) 4th. Prous Anthony 6-4 lav. 11 ran 2.45 TATTERSALLS CHASE(Qualifier; No. Mares: 21,236: 2m 4f) FALNLAM FALACE b g by Royal Palace – Festival Night (A Bue) 6-11-7

Devil a Brig. B Holothan (3-1) 2

Carbury's Idt. S Johnson (7-1) 3

TOTE Win: \$2.50. Places: £1.10, £5.80. DF: £13.00. CSF: £12.87. 0 Gandolfo at Wantage. 2, 3. 5 ran (only 3 Brished). 3.15 BISHOPS STORTFORD HURDLE (Handicap: £1,153: 3m)

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John Henry's \$4m record

John Henry, an eight-year-old gelding, became the world's leading thoroughbred money-winner with a victory in the \$500,000 Hollywood Turf Cup in Los Angeles on Sunday. Ridden by Chris McArron, John Heary narrowly beat the favourite French filly Zahataia, ridden by Freddie Head, to take his career earnings to \$4,621,297.

It was John Heary's 33rd victory in 73 outings. Trained by Ron McNally, he was bought as a three-year-old by the New York businessnan Sam Rubin for just \$25,000.

The Cup win was revenge for John Henry, as Zalataia had beaten him by half a length in the Oak Tree International, last mouth.

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If tomorrow's meeting is aban-doned, the Tommy Whittle Chase will be carried forward to Thursday, and will be run at 12.30.

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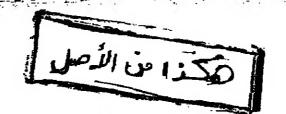


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8.30 and 9.00. 9.00 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way. Woodhouse Way. In lesson seven Mrs Woodhouse has solvice for owners of problem dogs (r). 9.25 Closedown.

10.30 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.55

Closedown. 12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale, 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by Magazine programme live from the foyer of the Birmingham studio. 1.45 Gren (r) 1.50 Stop-Go! A See-Saw programme for the very young

2.00 A Day Out. Gwyn Richards visits the Chatterley Whitfield Mining Museum at Turnstell in the Potterles (r). 2.30 Film: Fifth Avenue Girl* (1939) starring Ginger Rogers, Sad millionaire meets poor but honest young woman. She becomes his personal assistant – much to her family's horror. Directed by Gregory la Cava (first showing on British television). 3.53

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Regional news (not London). 3.55 Play School presented by Chice Ashcroft 4.20 The Adventurers of Bullwinkle Rocky. Episode five of the canoon serial 4-25 Jackanory. Nerys Hughes with The Making of Fingers Finnigan 4.35 Wuffer. Comedy adventures of a council dogwarden 5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Record Breakers includes the world's

biggest corkscrew. 5.40 Sixty Minutes includes national news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; regional news magazines at 5.53; weather at 6.15; and closing news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Angels. Drama serial set in a Midlands hospital. 7.05 Harty. Russell and guests live from London's Greenwood

7.40 No Place Like Home. The first programme in a new comedy ies about a middle-aged couple looking forward to a quiet life now that their three children have flown the nest but they keep coming back. Starring William Gaunt and Patricla Garwood.

8.10 Dallas. It's the Oil Barons' Ball and everything is certainly not going with a swing as the Ewings meet the Barnes and Cliff is ramed oil man of the year instead of JR.

9.00 News with John Humohrys. 9.25 Play: The Aerodrome, By Rex Warner, starring Peter Firth, Richard Johnson, Richard Briers and Jill Bennett. A black comedy set in the 1930s and published in 1941 about the traditional way of life in a Cotswold village threatened by a neighbouring airforce base, the Commander of which announces that he is to take over the village in the name of

the airforce. 10.55 The Rockford Files. The eccentric private detective is asked by a former cell-mate to help in a simple problem of debt collection. Starring James Garner (r).

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m. 11.45 News headlines and weather.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen, A look at the morning papers at 6.25; news from Gavin Scott at 6.20, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.40; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; Alarm Call at 6.50 and 8.42; a topical guest in the spotlight at 7.05; Ken Dodd interviewed from 7.35; Timmy Mallet's pop news at 7.45; pop video at 7.55; a look round Deidre McSharry's house at 8.05; Gyles Brandreth's video report at 8.35; Baby talk at 9.02; and closing news headlines at

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street which learning is made tun with help from the Muppets. 5.35 News summary with subtitles. 10.25 The Poseidon Flies. The hazards of working under the sea. 11.15 Ride the Gentle 5.40 Harold Lloyd* in excerpts from two of his films - For Heaven's Sake, in which he plays a Breeze. A documentary about the delights of hot-air ballooning. 11.35 Film Fun – The Movie. Derek Griffiths on Children's Matinees, a programme that includes clips from Tightrope to Terror, Jungle Book and Flash Gordon (r).

12.00 Portland Bill, Puppet adventures of a lighthouse keeper, 12.10 Sounds Like a Story, Mark Wynter with the traditional tale of the Five Cowboys and Five Indians. 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during World War Two.

1.00 News, 1.20 Thames nows with Robin Houston, 1.30 A Plus. Mavis Nicholson talks to actor Chariton Heston, 2.00 Take the High Road, Drama series set on a Scottish highland estate. 2.30 A Kind of Loving The final episode of the serial that follows the life and loves of Vic Brown (r). 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian-

4.00 Portland Sill. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Dangermouse (r). 4.20 Razzmatazz. Paul McCartney talks to Alastair Pirrie about his future music career. Plus Christmas pop music from Status Quo, Bucks Fizz and Rick Springfield. 4.45 CSTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. Annie Sugden gives her daughter-inlaw some home truths.

made drama serial.

5.45 News, 6.00 Thames News, 6.30 Help! Viv Taylor Gee talks to David Haslam from War on

6.55 Reporting London, includes reports on both the cost and tube baby techniques and the potential hazards of soandoned cars.

7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. his guests are: from the United States, comedienne Joan Rivers; from Australia, Jackie Love: and from Britain, three

ciub comics - Jimmy Cricket, Bobby Knutt, and Mick Miller. 9.00 News. 9.30 Schindler. A documentary about the Nazi spy who saved the lives of 1,000 Jewish men

and women during World War Two (see Choice). 11.00 Dear Detective. The pilot programme for a series due to start in the New Year. The heroine is a beautiful police officer who, tonight, finds her romantic private life is intruding into her efforts to find a multiple killer. Starring

12.50 Night Thoughts from the Rev Jim Graham of Goldhill Saptist Church on Christmas characters.

Brenda Vaccaro as Kate



Richard Johnson as the Air Vice-Marshal in The Asrodrome: BBC 1 9.25om

BBC 2

bridegroom, already late for his wedding, who tries to

the church and Billy Blazes

6.05 Cameo. The flora and launa of

Esq. in which he is the fastest gunman in the West.

Cranborne Chase, Dorset, In

saries of advice for the hopeful

rock musician. This week the

subject is reggae and Deirdre Cartwright (guitar) Geoff

Nicholls (drums) and Henry Thomas (bass) explain the

structure of reggae. Expert

interpretation is from Black

episode and Fanny is sent in disgrace to her family in

Portsmouth to reconsider her decision to reject Henry Crawford's offer of marriage

Uhuru, Dennis Bovell, Siy Dunbar and Robbie

6.40 Mansfield Park. The final

(shown on Sunday).

7.40 USSR State Symphony Orchestra in Belfast, Margare

Percy introduces a programme

of Russian music recorded at

orchestra, conducted by Arvid

Shostakovich, Tchalkovsky's Violin Concerto (soloist, Valery

Klimov) and his Symphony No

6 in B Minor, Opus 74 (The

of a concert recorded earlier

this year when the American

singer, Barry Manllow, performed in the grounds of

concert will be shown next.

David Jessel and Sue Cook

Ed Boyls reports on how some

Tooting residents are combating kerb crawlers and

there is a film report on a new

extended look at one of the main stories of the day. With

John Tusa, Peter Snow and Joan Bakewell.

11.25 Greek - Language and People. Chris Serie and Katea

Dandoulaid with the ninth

Tonight they learn how to

express preferences. The

programme elso includes a

blues (shown on Saturday).

survey of Greek dance and the story of rebetiks - the Greek

lesson in modern Greek.

computer-made Identi-kit.

10.40 Newsnight. The latest world

and dom

9.25 Barry at Blenheim. Highlights

Bienheim Palace in Oxfordshire. Part two of the

10.10 Out of Court, Presented by

the Llister Hall in Belfast as

part of the 21st Belfast

Festival at Queen's. The

Yansons, plays Festival Overture, Opus 96 by

7.30 Cartoon Two.

the summer. The narrator is Douglas Leach (r).

6.15 Rockschool. Continuing the

deliver his inebriated friends to

 Oskar Schindler, the hero of Thomas Keneally's Booker Prize-winning novel, Schindler's Ark, is winning nover, scrimule: \$ 70.0, 100 made flesh in torlight's documentary SCHINDLER (ITV 9.30pm). His is an absorbing tale. A Czechostovak-born Catholic, he had, by the time he was 31-years-old, wormed himself into a position of influence among high-ranking Nazis with a mixture of charm end bribery. Apparently a man of gross sexual appetite he nevertheless kept the affection of many of those he seduced, as evidenced by the string of elderty

Plaszow concentration camps.

Ample archive film recall the horrors of these camps and survivors are

CHANNEL 4

Countdown. The first semi-

final of the anagrams and

mental arithmetic comp Richard Whiteley is the

programme for the older

viewer, presented by Robert

Dougall. The major topic is a

acupuncture, homeopathy and faith healing. The programme

film about complementary medicine which embraces

and patients. There are also Items on a valuable privately-owned doil collection; making simple Christmas decorations

explained by Zena Skinner;

cook, Kenneth Toye continue his recipe for lemon tart, and

there is a Years Ahead

6.00 The Scorts Oxiz with Steve

6.30 Utopia Limited. The

competition about unusual Christmas presents.

Davis. The first semi-final of the competition to find

Britain's mastermind of sport.

penultimate programme in the series devoted to an

channelled to those most in

expenditure. Sandra Naidoo and David Tereshchuk

countries and suggest ways of reorganising priorities in the arms business.

Comment. Writer Anne Piper

is on tonight's soap-box with

her view on a subject of topical

investigate the effect arms.

examination of how the

need examines arms

buying has on poorer

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter

8.00 Brookside. Is it really Petra's

body in the mortuary? Marie and Michelle have the

gruesome task of indentification. Meanwhile.

Harry Cross's garden gnomes have been found in Alan

Partridge's Christmas tree.

affairs programme. Penny Junor tells us about the non-

existent motorcycle jackets; Sally Hawkins looks at

disappearing house benefit; and David Stafford examines

starring Trevor Howard, Dean Stockwell, Wendy Hiller and

Lawrence's novels to be mad

Mary Ura. The first of D. H.

into a film. It concerns Paul

Moreli a young man growing

into manhood in pre-World War One Nottingham, Should he join his brothers in the coalmines or should he

become a painter? Directed by

interviews with Omar Sharif and Farrukh Dhondy, a report

on the possibility of a general strike in Bangladesh; and the impact of Indian astrologer Professor Sri Ram on Laicestor.

Jack Cardiff.

11.50 Closedown.

10.55 Eastern Eye. There are

some best buy stereo

9.00 Film: Sons and Lovers* (1960)

8.30 4 What It's Worth. Consumer

Sissons.

5.15 Years Ahead. Magazine

women who were prepared to be interviewed. His many peccadilloes though, pale into insignificance by his daring deeds in saving 1,000 Jewish men and women from certain death in Auschwitz and

CHOICE

fulsame in their praise of Schindler's efforts on their behalf. Although there are lingering doubts about the real reasons for his altruism he is nonetheless something of a hero in Israel - the country where his body was taken for a Catholic burial after he died penniless, in Germany, ten years

 The Central Policy Review Staff, better known as the "Think Tank" is the subject of a documentary, written and presented by Peter Hennessey, The Times's Whitehall correspondent and a leader writer ROUTINE PUNCTUATED BY ORGIES (Radio 3, 7,00pm), a phrase borrowed from Aldous Huxley by the Tank's first director.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including: 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News Summary. 6.45
Prayer for the Dey. 6.55, 7.55
Weather. 7.9, 8.0 Today's News.
7.20 Your Letters. 7.45 Thought
for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament. 8.57 Weather;
Travel.

News. Tuesday Call Special: 01-580 4411. Pain Stops Play. Phone-in on topic of sports injuries.

News; From Our Own

11.33 Wädife. Listeners' questions.
12.05 News; You and Yours.
12.27 My Wordft
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One; News.

1.55 Shipping Forecast, 2.00 News: Woman's Hour, 3.00 News: Afternoon Theatre.† "What Brothers are For" A

classical comedy, by Steve

4.00 News: Just after Four.
4.10 A Little Of What You Fancy. Ben Warris looks back on the great names he's known in 60 years of

show business.
4.40 Story Time: "A Kind of Treason" by Goerge Macheth (6).
5.50 Shipping Forecast.
5.55 Weather: Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial

6.30 How to Survive the Office Partyl with Willie Rushton and guests.

with Willie Rushton and guests.
7.00 News.
7.00 The Archers.
7.20 Medicine Now. A report on the health of medical care.
7.50 it Was A Dark and Stormy Night on the Bookshelf . . . A selection of some of the best ghost stories sent in by Bookshelf listeners.
8.05 Menuel De Falls. A portrait of the composer who embodied in

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55
News of Wales Headlines. 5.53 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather. Scottend: 12.55-1.00pm The Scottish News. 4.35-4.45 The House that Joe Built. 4.45-5.00 A 'Cheud Turus. 5.53 Scottand: Sixty Minutes. 10.55-11.25 International Sportscene; Football, Northern Ireland v Scottand (highlights). 11.25-12.15am Omnibus. 12.15 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57-

and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland News. 3.53-2.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scan Around Six. 10.55-11.40 Soccer, Northern Ireland v Scotland (highlights) 11.40-12.30 The Rockford Files. 12.30

News and weather, England: 12.00-12.30pm North-East only: The Allotment Show. 5.53 Regional news magazines. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ftalabalam. 2.35
Citizen 2000. 3.05 Cutalders.
3.35 Built in Britain. 4.00 Union Worls.
4.40 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwns Bach.
5.05 Bildowcar. 5.30 Buck Rogers. 6.25
Sports Quiz. 6.55 Gair Yn El Bryd. 7.00
Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Reslo. 5.10
Dawn. 8.40 Almana. 9.10 Prisoner.
10.10 Arabs. 11.05 Eleventh Hour.
12.30am Gair Yn El Bryd. Closedown.

the composer who embodied in his music the sensuousness and

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Fore

Gooch.

10.00 News; From Our Cwrit Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: A Strange Mourning' by Catherine Maciver. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News: Travel: Thirty-Minute Theatre: Cage Bird by Jeremy Tirest.

Lord Rothschild, to describe the way the Tank worked, covers the conception, birth, life and death of the body during its 12-year span of influence under four very different Prime Ministers – Heath, Wilson, Callaghan and Thatcher. The brain-child of Edward Heath when leader of the opposition, the Tank was under the Delphic directorship of Lord Rothschild for the early years, charged with providing short- or long-term reviews of Government policy matters for the Cabinet and its committees. Peter Hennessey has collected a number of distinguished, former, members of the Tank as contributors and it is their inside knowledge combined with Peter Hennessey's lucid commentary that, to borrow Lord Rothschild's phrase 'makes the

obtuse into something comprehensible, - and enjoyable.

9.30 Kaleidoscope, Arts magezine,
9.59 Weather,
10.00 The World Tonight: News,
10.30 Instant Sunshine... Reasonably
Together Again The guests are
the East Side Torpedoes.†
11.00 A Book at Beditine: "Ask
Mamma" by R. S. Surbes (7),
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather,
12.15 Shinging Forecast Cines.

12.15 Shipping Forecast, Close.
ENGLAND: VHS as above except: 6.25-6.30em Weather;
Travel. 1.55pm Listening Corner, 5.50-5.55 PM (continued), 11.00-11.30 Study On 4; Enjoyis Opera (5).

8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (continued).
Eggr., Friedricht Witt, Komgold;
records. The Eggr. work is the
Mazuria; the Witt is the Quintet
in E flat for piano and wind
Instruments, and the Komgold is
the Violin Concerto in D minor,
played by Perimen and the

9.00 News. 9.05 This week's composer (f) Berlioz; records. The works include the overture King Lear,

Radio 3

played by Perlman and the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra.t

and the Fantasy on Shakespeare's The Tempest.† 10.00 Mozart. (†) Two Symphonies on

5.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert (f)
Mendessohn, Campian, C.P.E.
Bach, Scarletti arr. Tommasint;
records. The Mendetssohn is the
overture Ruy Blas, the Campian
is the song Fair, if you expect
admiring; Author of Light (sung
by James Bowman, countertenor) and the Bach is the
harpsichord Concerto in D
minor.†
8.00 News.

records.

10.45 Choral music by Bruckner and Von Einem. (f) BBC singers.

11.20 Parikian/Reming Roberts trio (f)
Piano Trios by Mozart and
Brahms. The Mozart B, the Trio
in E, K542; and the Brahms is
the Trio in C minor. Op 101.1.
12.15 Midday Concert (f) BBC Scottish
S.O. Part 1: Rimsky-Korsakov,
Rachmaninov. The RimskyKorsakov is the suits The Snow
Malden, and the Rachtmaninov is
the Plano Concerto No 4 in G
minor, with Lestle Howard as
soiost.†
1.00 News. midnight. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30, 5.00 Ray Moore.; 7.30 Terry Wogan.; 10.00 Jimmy Young; 12.00 Music while you work.; 12.30 Glorie Humilior.; 12.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart.; 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton.; 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn tinci 6.45 Sport and Classified Restitis (mf only). 7.30 The Golden Age of Hollywood. A history of the American move from 1927 to the early 60s (6) 1937/8.; 8.30 Folk on 2.1 9.30 Where were you in 62? Guests are this week Cilf Michelmore. Jean Metgaire, Martin Jarvis and Susan Maughan. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.0 Can I Take That Again? (new series). Jonathan Hewart returns with another series of clangers, bloopers and fluffs made on radio. 10.15 A Digance includence (new series). A solo show of songs stories, and humour in the company of Richard Digance. 10.30 Britan Matthew presents Found Midnight (stereo from midnight). 11.2 Sports Desk. 1.00 Big Band Special. The Redio Big Band T. 1.30 String Sound. BBC Redio Orchestra.† 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt presents You and the Night and the Music. 1.00 News.
1.05 News.
1.05 Midday Concert (s) Part 2:
Vaughan Williams The
Symphony No 5 in D.†
1.50 Charles Ramhrez and Helen
Katamuniak (f) Music for 2
guitars: Soler, Albeniz,
Granadoz.

Music of the Night (1) Boccherini, lives, Mahler.
4.00 Anthony Goldstone (1) with the Amphion Quartet: Brahms Plano Quartet.

4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. (1). 6.30 Music from Renaissance Italy. (1) de Rore, Bessano, Dalle Casa, de Hore, besselv, Marenzio, anon.
7.90 Routine Punctueted for Orgies.

Marerizo, anon.
7.00 Routine Puncturated for Orgies. Pater Hennessey examines the thinking of the Think Tank between 1971 and 83.
7.45 Music of Eight Decades. (f) Recorded concert Part 1: Welli, Wolfgang Riten. With Sarah Walker (soprano), Neil Jentkins (tenor) and David Wison-Johnson (bass-barrione) and Terry Edwards (bass). The Welli work is the Berliner Requiem and the Ritm is the first performance of Silence to the Beaten.†
8.30 Heyday's (f) by Chris Mitter. In the last visit to Heyday's, the wine bar is inveded by reminists.
8.50 Concert (f) Part 2: Henze, Voices (Nos 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22).†
9.50 Messiaen at 75, (f) Music on records.

records. 10.30 Orlando Gibbons (f) Haconstructed Verse Anthems
11.00 The complete Webern (1)
Orchestral music and a camtata.

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for Murdar. 9.00 World News. 8.05 Review of
the Bridsh Press. 9.15 The Warld Today. 8.30
Financial News. 8.40 Look Aheed. 9.45 Alexto
Korner's Rhythm trat Blace, 1.00 Discovery.
10.30 Mesical Belaystone. 11.00 World News.
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World News. 10.59 The World Today. 10.25
Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News.
10.46 Reflections, 18.45 Sport Roundup.
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Reports, 7.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm,
11.00 Film: Sitting Target (Oliver Reed),
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Brothers jailed for selling glue-sniff kits

Two brothers who sold glue-sniffing kits to children were

sniffing kits to children were each jailed for three years yesterday in a case that made Scottish legal history.

At Glasgow High Court, the two shopkeepers, Khalid Raja, aged 23, and his brother Ahmed, aged 29 from Mount Florida, Glasgow, admitted selling the glue to children in their newsagents shop in the city's Saltmarket.

The Court of Criminal

The Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh ruled last month that such sales were a crime in Scotland.

Before the trial was due to start yesterday the brothers changed their plea, with Khaliq admitting selling glue to 10 children and Ahmed to six.

The court heard that despite appeals from parents and the police to stop selling solvents, they continued to hand them over in crisp bags to youngsters. The charge stated that they

sold the solvents knowing the vapours were going to be inhaled and could cause danger to the health and lives of the children.
But allegations that they had

children in exchange for supplying them with solvents were dropped. Mr Donald McKay, for the prosecution, said the matter first came to police attention in 1981 when the problem of gluesniffing by young people in was causing scrious A counseiling unit at the London Road Police Station

were breaking the law - as they were under the same "misapp-rension" that no law was being

A few weeks later Ahmed Raja was spoken to, and it was suggested to him that while selling glue might not be illegal. he should cooperate with the authorities because of the harm being done to children.

But, said Mr McKay, his response was that the law was not being broken and he would not cooperate. Last May, there was a demonstration outside the shop

because various organizations were becoming increasingly Mr McKay said that another

visit failed to make the brothers stop the practice. Finally, a search warrant was obtained, and the police found four gallons of glue on the premises.

Defence counsel told the court that while what they did might be morally wrong, the brothers did not think they were breaking the law.

Ridley calls for review before BA goes private

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

An urgent review of civil aviation' policy has been ordered by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, before the privatization of British Airways in about a year.
It will be made by the Civil

Aviation Authority, and could open the door to a transfer of noutes from British Airways to British Caledonian on lines described by Lord King, chair-man of BA last month, as a zation were far from settled. He "smash and grab raid".-

Mr Ridley has clearly bowed to parliamentary support for B-Cal's plan to take over some BA routes and thus restore a more even balance between BA, which has 83 per cent of British routes and the rest of the

He is still not prepared to back B-Cal's plan with legislation but he is apparently prepared to countenance a change in aviation authority guidelines under which routes might be transferred for reasons other than the shortcomings of an operator.

in a Commons statement yesterday Mr Ridley said that many details of the BA privatihas reached "no firm decision" on whether a capital reconstruction will be needed or what proportion of the shares will be sold around the end of next year after the conversion of BA into a public limited company next

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Bombing aftermath: A vehicle lies destroyed in Kuwait's Salwi district after yesterday's bombings.

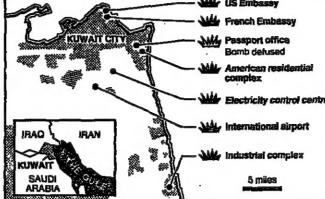
Bombings in Kuwait blamed on Iran

Continued from page 1 Muslim monarchies and their oil wealth.

in an angry statement last night, Shaikh Saad al-Abdul-lah al-Sabab, the Kuwaiti Prime Minister, said that he would "purify the country of all suspects who exploited its hospitality," although Kuwait's 120-mile coastline can easily be infiltrated by small boats crossing the Gulf from Iran. The Iranians have reason to

vent their wrath on Kuwait. As part of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Kuwait has helped to contribute up to £16bn worth of funds to Iraq since September, 1980, and has since assisted Iraq's war effort against Iran by donating, together with Saudi Arabia, more than 330,000 barrels of oil, accounting for a quarter of Iraq's foreign exchange earnings. France's military support for

Iraq and its recent sale of Super-Etendard jets to President Saddam Husain's regime in Baghdad could well bave



provided the excuse for the bomb at the French Embassy in Knwait.

Among its Arab adversaries, Kuwait would probably include Syria. The Kuwaiti press has been extremely critical of Syria's role in trying to crush Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman - there are 300,000

the country's Parliament re-cently voted to stop financial aid to Damascus.

There was no indication last night, however, that Syria had any involvement in the bombings. Some of the American Embassy buildings were set on fire by the explosion of the bomb on the six-wheeled lorry

tionist at the embassy de-scribed how the ceiling crashed down on the heads of people on the ground floor.

We heard screams outside." he said, "and people were asking for help • WASHINGTON:

United States vesterday de-piored the bombing attacks in Kuwait in the strongest terms and said that they will not deter us from pursuing a steady policy in the Middle East"

The State Department said there was no prior warning of the attack. The embassy had in the past received several security threats and had tried to take appropriate security precautions. • RABAT: The US Secretary

of State, Mr George Shultz, said the Kuwait attack "reminds us of the difficulties of achieving Middle East peace, but it would not deflect the United States from its attempts to achieve it

London at risk? page 12 Leading article, page 13

Frank Johnson in the Commons:

Civilization versus the Dark suburbs

the under secretary at the arts subsidies, and want to Department of the Environ- carry on being have yet been ment, arrived yesterday, as is his tendency every few weeks, to answer questions as the Minister in the Commons

responsible for the arts.

A lively interest in his work in that capacity is taken by the All Party Phillistine Group. His question time is always the same: the questioning of this minister, like all real art, tends to follow rules and form. At some point someone sometimes the minister himself - suggests that "the arts", or rather government cash for various institutions, are essential to civilization.

The two front benches, and an apparent majority of backbenches, agree on that. The tone is pious, "the arts" having long ago replaced religion in that respect. Before long even the most hardened aesthetes among us begin to desire a lowering of the tone. With all this wild talk of civilization flying about the chamber, one of the All Party Philistine Group in due course puts in a good word for barbarism. The effect is rather refreshing.

The group is made up of an alliance of Labour left-wingers and the Tory suburbs. Its work is designed to foster a hatred "the arts" among the British people, a nation which, because of the dead hand of the Arts Council, has been denied the normal opportunities not to appreciate "the arts" - opportunities which are commonplace in such countries as Australia. To this end, there is a varied programme of questions

Yesterday, for example, there was a stimulating question from one of the outstanding figures in the barbarism world: the Tory member for the Birmingham suburb of Selly Oak, who has the appropriately Satanic name of Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (perhaps a descendant of some egendary family of vandals, the Dark Beaumonts of Selley Oak). He demanded to know why it was so essential to civilization for the taxpayer to subsidize activities which are so unpopular with the majority of the public. Why could not people who appreciated such activities pay the full cost of their tickets?

questions in politics to which il is extremely difficult to give a satisfactory answer. None of

able to devise such an answer. Faced with Darkness from Selly Oak, we tend to fall back on civilization (arts subsidies but a small fraction of). Yesterday, Mr Waldegrave opted for the latter, Mr Beaumont-Dark scoffed dar. kly, as was understandable.

Beaumont-Dark's Labour colleagues in the Philistine Group tend to have a different objection to the way the arts are financed. For theological reasons, being socialists, they are unable to oppose any known subsidy. So their objection to the arts subsidies is that they should not go to such things as opera but to more demotic arts forms such as colliery bands, black puddings and whippet racing. Sadiy, it being a Monday free from parliamentary divisions, most of these members were still in their constituencies yesterday.

We could have done with some of their brutal ways amid the piety. As it was, Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour member for Linlithgow, pressed Mr Waldegrave to look after the interests of the National Opera Company. Opera was important to Scotland, it seemed generally agreed - raising the inevitable prospect of Scottish opera hooliganism at the company's away performances in London. Mrs Renée Short a Labour left-wing tragedienne from Wolverhampton North East, said the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, had been renovated and was now more beautiful than the Old Vic. Could they have some government money? Mr Waldegrave was cautious about whether to subsidize the Old Renée, as the theatre deserves to become

The Tory, Sir Raymond Gower, in taking issue with his backbench colleague Mr Beaumont-Dark, reminded the after the Second World War the continental countries - by which he meant the Germans and Austrians - found the money to subsidize opera houses. Mr Waldegrave assured him that there was a role for State patronage of the arts "in a civilized society". This raised a question which no one asked: if the arts made the Germans so civilized, how come they started the war in the first place?

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Engineering will present the MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace, 4pm, and as President of the Royal Society of Arts presents the Awards for Design Management at the Design Manage ment Symposium 6pm and subse-quently presents the Albert Medal at a dinner at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, WC2.

Princess Margaret will attend a Gala performance of "Cinderella"

at the National Theatre in aid of the

attends the Not Forgotten" Association's Christmas Party at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, . Princess Michael of Kent attends the Annual Dinner of the Institute Chartered Secretaries and Administrators at the Guildhall

The Duke of Kent, Colonel of the Scots Guards, visits the 2nd Battalion at Chelsea Barracks, SW1,

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron

Maclaurin Art Gallery Christma

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end of August) (10).

Judith is (9).

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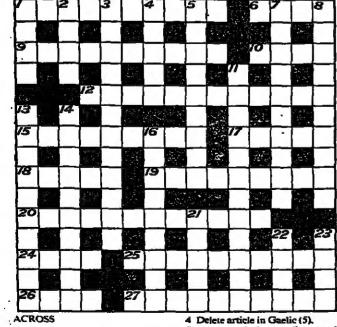
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Last chance to see

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,308



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old politician (4). prize returned (10).

10 Bit of brass needed for bath

article (4). 15 Complete reversal in US

concerning features (5-4). 17 Bit of a drag - gross trouble-18 Visitor to Stam married into old

Asian kingdom (5). 19 Expenses of excursions - go into them (4). 20 In one race what could be nicer for getting rid of rubbish? (12).
24 Sort of unfinished book by

Melville (4). 25 Ball one put in hide covers for the game (10). 26 Over-grill this fish? (4).

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1 Sounds of cats in the stable yard 2 Perhaps a way out swinger

provides seat for the White Knight's aged man (4.) · 3 The Heart of Midlothian in

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Show; selection of paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, fabric work and jewelry by popular gallery artists and craftsmen. Maclaurin Art Gallery. Rozelle Park. Ayr. Moz to Sat 11 to 5 (ends today).

Music Lindisfarne Christmas Show. City

Hall, Barkers Pool, Sheffield, 7.30. Chamber Concert, Pump Room, Bath, 7.30 Christmas music by the choir of Leeds Parish Church, Town Hall,

The Headrow, Leeds, 1.05.
Recital by Phillip Jones Brass
Ensemble, Suston Place, Guildford,
Surrey, 7.30. Bankers' Christmas Service, St

Anne's Church, Manchester, 5.30. General

Christmas Pageant: the History of Christmas in words and music Hemsworth Library, Blackstock Road, Sheffield, 8.15.

Tyneside Cinema celebrates 20 years of Doctor Who: The Mind Robber, Doctor Patrick Troughton, Tyneside Cinema, 10/12 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.30.

Carol Services Northern Sinfonia Christmas Concert, with Cambridge Buskers and the Sinfonia Chorus, Town

Exhibitions in progress Dreamland: The British seaside out of season by Clive Frost and John Siras; Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, York, Tues to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sup and

Mon (ends Dec 24). Face to Face: portrait exhibition at the Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley, South Yorks; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30. closed Mon (ends Feb 5).

S. Atlantic calls

British servicemen in the Falk-lands will be able to call their families direct this Christmas at a special rate of 75 pence a minute. special rate of 75 pence a minute. This will apply from December 20 until January 10 (inclusive). Telephone circuits will be increased five-fold, using satellite links and special circuit-hoosting equipment which is being airlifted to the Falklands. Calls from Britain to the islands must be booked through the international operator service. This Friday, December 16, is the latest recommended posting date for BFPO addresses overseas, including those serving in the South Atlantic.

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Anniversaries

Heinrich Heine, poet was born at Düsseldorf. 1797. Deaths: Moses Maimonides, philosopher and physician. Egypt. 1204: Donatella. sculptor. Florence. 1466: Samuel Johnson, London. 1784. Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand, 1442.

Parliament today

Commons (2,30): London gional Transport, second reading. Lords (2.30): Agricultural Hold-ings Bill, committee, third day.

TV top ten

onation Stress (Wed) Graneds. 15.25m This is You'r Life, Thames. 15.15m Coronation Street (Mon), Granads. 14.90m Name That Tune, Thames. 14.50m Up The Elephant & Round The Castle, Thames. 14.35m In Loving Memory, Yorkshire. 13.35m 13.85m The A-Team, ITV, 13.70m Gave Us A Clue. Themes, 13.55m Family Fortunes, Control, 13.50 A Fine Romance, LWT, 12.55

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Midlands: A429: Roadworks between Wellesbourne and Stow at Halford, Warwichshire. A45: Traffic signals or junction with A14, Cambridgeshire A456: Lane restrictions and closures between Hagley and Halesowen, Wales and west: M5: Lane

closures on north and southbound carriageways between junction 8 and 9. A38: Single-lane traffic along Saltash - Liskeard road at Liskeard Menheniot by-pass. A465: North and southbound carriageway ures between Neath and Glyn Neath, West Glamorgan.

North: A61: Resurfacing work along Barnsley Road or Wakefield, West Yorkshire. A182: Lane restrictions along Hetton Road. Houghton, Tyne and Wear, A575 Egerton Street Farnworth closed near to junction with Gladstone Road: diversions. Seatland: A&: Single-lane traffic in each direction at Haymarket

Terrace near Coates Terrace. Edinburgh. A73: Traffic reduced to single lane in each direction, controlled by lights, south of Hyndford Bridge, Lancashire. A803; Lane closures and delays along Springburn Road or Haw-

With hopes of a white Christmas rising and wintry conditions on high roads throughout the country, an AA spokesman says: "Drivers should anticipate winter hazards should adverted when leading particularly the inexperienced who've recently joined the ranks of motorists, only to face their first winter on the roads unaware of the hazards before them."

The Washington Post admits tha

The papers

is was caught by surprise by the lack of sophistication shown by the European leaders in Athens. "It's highly unusual for experienced politicians, all Heads of Governments to let a formal internationa conference fail as explicitly as this one did . . . but it's been evident for some time that the 10 governments are fed up with each other and the catalogue of entrenched disputes tha nobody seems able to resolve . . . The paper comments: "Perhaps
Western Europeans have now been
rich enough for long enough that
they've forgotten how they got
there. The Common Market had
quite a lot to do with it. But now the magic of rapid and steady economic growth has evaporated, the atmosphere has changed. Western Europe's economy is still growing, but not as fast as Europeans had expected. Amid that disappointment, the Common Market's requirements become increasingly. requirements become increasingly a burden and an irritation to its members. The failure in Athens was an ominously interesting signal. It will be even more interesting to see whether Europeans think that failure matters.

Weather

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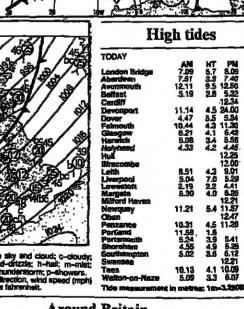
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